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## Bruno Says Farewell; Ryder Introduced At Teachers' Meeting

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Superintendent of Schools James Bruno welcomed administrators and teachers back to school on Tuesday, September 1st, during the annual organizational meeting in a packed Junior High auditorium.

He kept his comments brief and acknowledged School Committee Chairman Mayor Christopher Johnson, Vice-Chairwoman Teresa Kozloski, Secretary Linda Galarneau, and members Susan Pettazzoni, Louise David, and Louis Massoia.

Bruno introduced and welcomed the following new teachers:

Margaret Bitzas to Clark; Francine Bigda as the Speech and Language teacher; Susan Mutti and Susan Hayes as E.S.L. (English as a Second Language) teachers; Claudia Hurley, who will instruct math at AHS; Joanne Krawczyk as the new elementary art teacher; and Sharon Manzi, a resource teacher.

An emotional Bruno noted "mixed emotions and mixed feelings" intertwined with "ambivalence knowing this is the last time" he would be addressing the "staff that has been so much a part of (his) life for the last 30 years."

He recalled sharing many memories, saying, "The good times far outweigh those times of trial."

He expressed his gratitude to the Mayor, noting, "He has tried his best to make resources available." Then Bruno concluded by reminding his staff that he will always be available to them... personally as well as professionally.

He received a long standing ovation following his comments.

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## Tempers Erupt As Health Dept. Hearing Lights-Up Council

by Dale Fiske  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

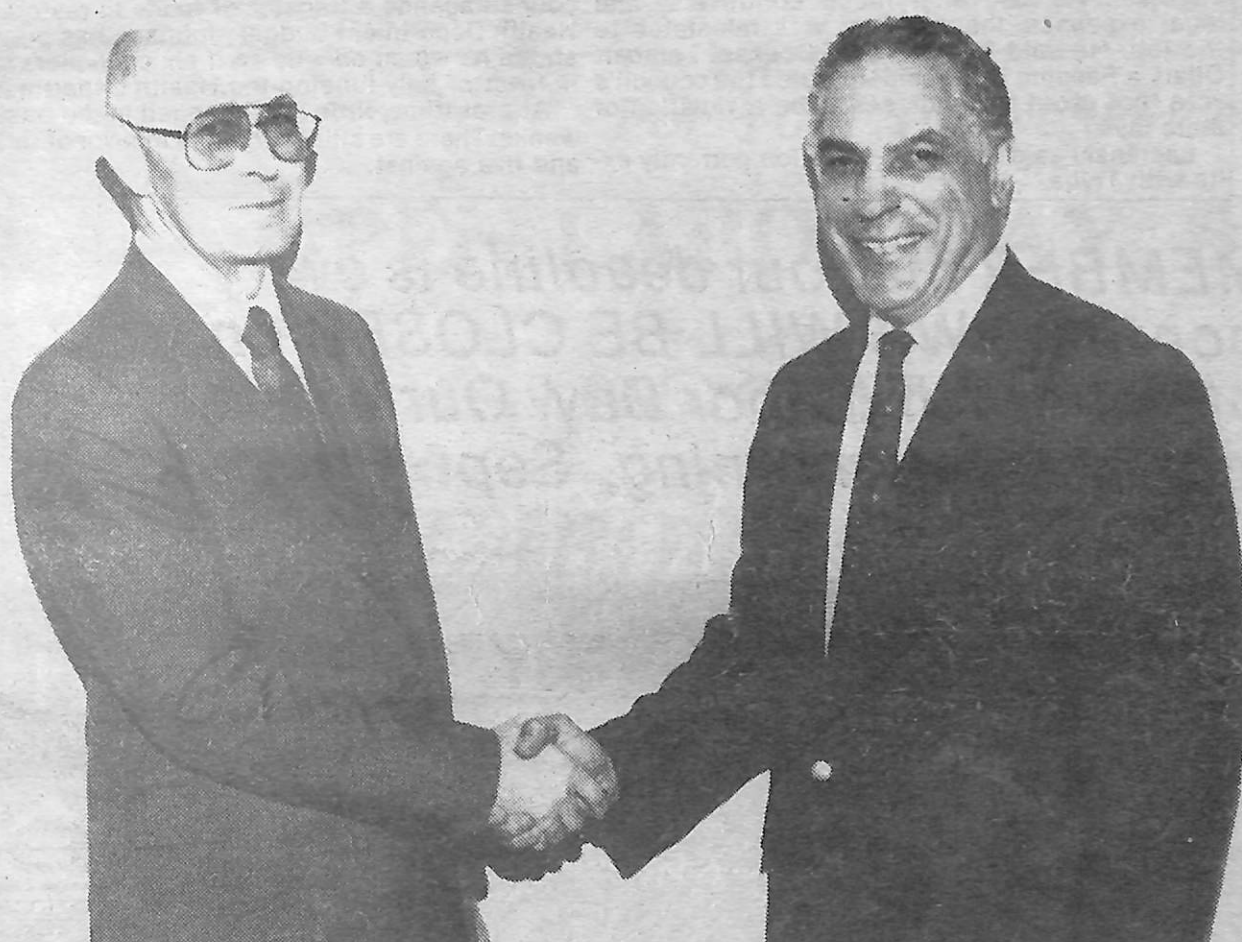
Tempers flared at Monday evening's heated public hearing held by Town Council to air the council's removal of \$22,500 from the Health Department budget in July. This in turn forced the dismissal of 12-year Health Department sanitarian Casimir Tryba by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson on July 31st.

### Spilled Over After The Hearing

About 125 people attended the hearing at the Middle School. The intensity of the 90 minute meeting spilled over into the hallway afterwards as angry residents verbally assaulted councilors over the most controversial political issue in Agawam in 1992. There was even a moment when blows were nearly exchanged between one resident and a councilor.

The council voted 6-5 on July 20th in favor of the cut and since that time the councilors themselves have been engaged in sometimes dramatic infighting both on and off the council floor.

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RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS James V. Bruno, Jr. (right) welcomes new Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder on Monday. Ryder assumes the post on November 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BACK TO SCHOOL: Agawam Public School faculty members, from left - Mary Ann Czerpak, Lee Hazelton, Josette Bouchie, and Nancy Hellquist have a few moments to relax in the Junior High cafeteria before the annual Agawam Education Association organizational meeting on Tuesday morning. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**TEACHERS' MEETING - from Page 1...****Mayor Johnson Praises Bruno**

Johnson spoke next and commented that Bruno's "47 years in the Agawam school system is unparalleled." He remarked that Bruno would be sincerely missed by all who have worked with him.

Johnson referred to incoming Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder as "someone who is going to pick up the ball from Jim (Bruno) and keep it rolling."

He briefly remarked on Ryder's relationship with his present school system in Limestone, Maine, saying that most residents in Maine had a "standoffishness" to outsiders, but Ryder had endeared himself to his staff and co-workers.

Ryder opened his remarks by saying, "Welcome home" to the administrators and teachers. He explained that "school" was "working home where you take responsibility to educate the children in your care."

He noted, "The teachers are the most important people in the school district who must bring the student beyond just an average education."

Ryder said, "The administrators, secretaries, business manager, principals, assistant principals, and all of us are secondary agents to the teacher ... here to make your job easier."

He added, "I am not here to change your school system. I am here, however, to fill the needs and interests of you and the community."

Ryder promised his support to teachers with ideas that could promote positive learning, saying, "If you have a good idea, you are going to convince me that it is the best and I will support you in it."

He concluded, "Get out there and teach. Give your clients (students) the best."

**TEMPERS ERUPT - from Page 1...**

Fourteen individuals came forward and vehemently spoke against the budget cut. They also demanded that Tryba be reinstated to his position. Forty-one people also came forward to give their names and addresses as being opposed to the cut. No one spoke in favor.

Several of the speakers criticized Councilor Thomas Ennis for initiating the surprise motion to cut the funds at the July 20th meeting. The six councilors who voted for the cut also drew heavy fire for not explaining why they favored cutting the Health Department's budget.

The tone of the residents' statements rebuked councilors for playing politics with the situation and for compromising the public safety of Agawam residents. Councilors who supported the July 20th cut have vehemently denied that the town's public safety has in any way been jeopardized by Tryba's dismissal.

Three of the more outspoken residents included Anita McNamee and Jane Dennis of Feeding Hills, and Donald Sorel of Agawam, owner of Southgate Package Store on Suffield Street. Former Building Inspector Joseph Conte and Police Officer Terence Letellier also spoke against the cut as did former Town Councilors Colleen Dupee and Daniel J. Lacienski.

Lacienski told councilors that nine years ago a similar move was made against the former town engineer. He said after much controversy and legal expenses, the engineer was reinstated to the job. He said former Town Counsel Lambert Ollari, a Feeding Hills resident, ruled the council's vote that nixed the engineer to be a violation of state law.

Lacienski said the same situation currently exists with Tryba.

Tryba's attorney, John Payne of Springfield, gave a litany of examples on why he maintains the council acted improperly to cut the Health Dept. He left little doubt this matter would appear in the courts.

When Town Council President Joanne Willis declared the public hearing closed, Councilor Louis Russo made a motion asking that the cut be placed back on the council's next agenda to again be voted on.

**Defeated By Same 6-5 Vote**

This motion was again defeated by the same 6-5 vote. Councilors George Bitzas, Richard Brindle, Edward Caba, Jessie Fuller, James Taylor, and Ennis voted against Russo's motion. Councilors Gary Sufritti, Nancy Gravel, Walter Balboni, Mrs. Willis, and Russo voted in favor.

Sufritti, who apologized to his colleagues for his anger over the issue when it first broke in July, said no inspections of food establishments in town have been conducted since July 30th. Sufritti said Health Agent Ronald Young confirmed this.

Councilors who voted in favor of the July 20th cut gave no explanation to their position on the Health Department at Monday's hearing. This left many of the residents who attended the hearing more frustrated and angry. This led to the ugly situation in the hallway afterwards.

Mrs. Willis passed around a letter to each councilor that asked Mayor Johnson to place on the council agenda a transfer of funds to restore the Health Department budget. Johnson has publicly stated he would only do so if six councilors were in favor of fully funding the Health Department.

At presstime, little has changed in the past six weeks. There are still councilors in favor of the cut and five against.

**PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. WE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, September 7th, Labor Day. Our office will reopen on Tuesday morning, Sept. 8th at 6:30 a.m.**



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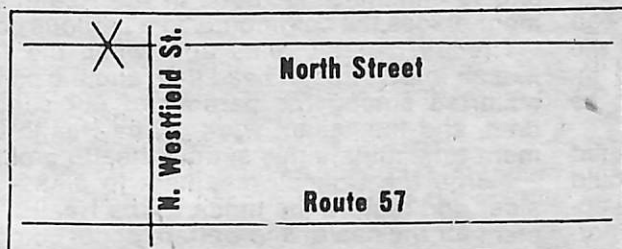


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# Editorial

Guest Editorial...

## Politics, Not Sound Government Can Only Explain Cut In Health Dept.

by Walter A. Balboni  
Agawam Town Councilor

As a candidate last fall for the Council, I stated that I was only interested in good government. The action taken on the Health Department budget surely was not an example of good government, but an abuse of the democratic principal.

I have been involved in town government for over 40 years and well understand politics; I don't need any lessons to distinguish good sound government, and when a coalition of officials band together in order to pass legislation suited in their interests.

It is strange indeed that one of the smallest yet vital departments was singled out with a one-eighth reduction. Does this action now indicate that other larger departments will now be reviewed in the same manner?

For whatever reason the Health Department was singled out of the entire fiscal budget, I have heard many reasons; some relate to the Mayor's attempt to remove Department Head Mr. Young two years ago, to political deals with various councilors.

I do recognize that in order to pass legislation to reduce the Health Department budget, that a

consensus—or a meeting of privileged councilors—had to occur, regardless how it is denied.

To deny that this was not so, is to insult my intelligence.

In an attempt to substantiate these actions, the explanation given by various councilors has verged on the ridiculous. Sticking one's head in a department door and observing a lack of activity does not qualify one to be knowledgeable about a department.

Using the same analogy of sticking one's head in the door of the Fire Department when the firemen are not busy fighting a fire, would indicate that the Fire Department should also be cut.

Mayor Johnson, on several occasions, stated that with the adoption of his budget, there would be no layoffs or cutbacks; yet, when given the opportunity to veto this department cut, he did not, indicating a lack of confidence for his own budget.

Upon meeting with the Mayor with several other councilors, he stated that he did not want to cause any division among Council members. In

my opinion, placing politics above the health and welfare of the community.

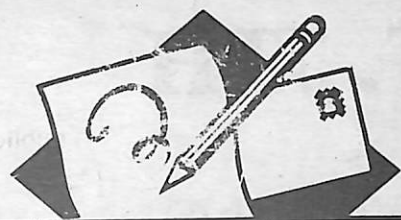
The recent agreement with the Town clerical employees forgoing salary increases for job security should be of concern to all those employees. Is job security now to be interpreted to mean no layoffs? That sounds familiar, or is it another example of "read my lips."

I sincerely believe that to allow the cut to stand and to eliminate positions in the Health Department places the community in a perilous position.

I recall, several years ago, when the schools had an infestation of head lice, and the panic that occurred among the parents of our schoolchildren, and the valiant work of the Health Department to eliminate this serious health problem.

I urge the Council members to please reconsider and restore the funds to the Health Department for the health and welfare of our community, and to forgo politics.

I pray that the community will never have a serious health problem of any magnitude because of a depleted Health Department; if we do, I know exactly with whom the fault will lie.



## Letters To The Editor

### Councilors Have Violated Public Trust On Health Cut

#### To The Editor:

Words cannot even begin to describe or explain the outcry of injustice at the public hearing held this past Monday (August 31st) asking why six Councilors voted to eliminate funding for the Health Department's sanitation position. Did we get an answer—NO!

To the citizens who attended, you know what I'm talking about. To those who watched, you know what I'm talking about. To those of you who weren't there and didn't watch the proceedings on television, trust me...it was a sad day for the Town of Agawam.

I'm urging all who attended to please tell your friends and neighbors how six Councilors refused to answer our questions or rethink their position on this issue.

There are several citizens that will ask you to sign a petition to get this issue before the voters in November. Please, I urge you to sign one and make your feelings known.

We, the citizens of Agawam, must take back our government and put it back into the hands of the people. Make your Councilors responsible for their actions. Make your Councilors aware you will not stand for business as usual.

Remember this travesty in November this year. Remember this travesty in November next year when these six Councilors run for re-election.

Anita L. McNamee  
100 Sylvan Lane  
Feeding Hills

### Our Town Council Is Not Beyond Reproach; Let's Vote

#### To The Editor:

Now that we have been shown that our Town Council is not beyond reproach, it is time to take action. A petition is being circulated.

From our Town Charter, Section 8-2, Citizen Initiative Measures (pages C16-C17):

#### Section 8-2. Citizen Initiative Measures

(a) Commencement of Proceedings—Initiative procedures shall be started by the filing of an initiative petition with the town clerk. The petition shall be addressed to the town council or the school committee, shall contain a request for passage of a particular measure set forth in the petition and shall be signed by not less than ten percent of the total number of voters.

Signatures to initiative petitions need not be all on one paper. All such papers pertaining to any one measure shall be fastened together and shall be filed in the office of the town clerk as one instrument, with the endorsement thereon of the names and addresses of the person designated as filing the same. With each signature to the petition, shall be stated the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number, if any.

Within five days after the filing of said petition

the registrars of voters shall ascertain by what number of voters the petition is signed, and what percentage that number is of the total number of voters and shall attach thereto their certificate showing the result of such examination.

The town clerk shall forthwith transmit the said certificate with the said petition to the town council or to the school committee, according as the petition is addressed and at the same time shall send a copy of said certificate to the person designated on the petition as filing the same.

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# Health Dept. Referendum Being Pushed... Councilors Divided As Ever On Cut

by Dale Fiske

Advertiser News Feature Writer

Some Agawam residents remained appalled at the resistance of six members of Town Council to reinstate the Health Department's budget. And they are persisting in their efforts to refund the position of town Sanitarian Casimir Tryba.

Following Monday night's bitter public hearing over the issue at the Middle School, an initiative petition is currently being circulated by this angry group of town citizens who still want to know why \$22,500 was cut from the Health Department's budget on July 20th with little explanation.

The 6-5 split on the council continued Monday night. Councilors Thomas Ennis, Jr., George Bitzas, Richard Brindle, Edward Caba, Jessie D. Fuller, and James Taylor refused to support a motion that would place the cut for another vote by the council at the September 8th meeting.

Councilors Louis Russo, Gary Suffriti, Nancy Gravel, Walter Balboni, and council President Joanne H. Willis support restoring the funds to the Health Dept.

## Would Call For a Special Election

The petition is requesting a special referendum vote to transfer the \$22,500 back into the Health Dept. The petition is allowed under Citizen Initiative Measure in Section 8-2 of the Agawam Town Charter.

Jane Dennis, a well-known civic activist in town, is one of the organizers of the petition drive. "We had the petitions on hand Monday evening. We thought we wouldn't have to use them because we believed the councilors who voted for the cut would work for us. But they wouldn't even talk to us," said Mrs. Dennis.

The petition requires signatures from at least 10 percent of the total number of registered voters in town. This amounts to 1,500 signatures.

The petitions then are presented to Town Clerk Richard Theroux for certification. Town Solicitor Thomas Locke must also confirm that the petition conforms to the law. Mrs. Dennis told us her group hopes to obtain the required signatures within the next two weeks.

After the petition is certified and in legal form, it must appear before the council. At that time councilors will again vote. If the restoration of

funds to the Health Dept. is again denied, a referendum vote (special election) must be held within 120 days of certification. The petition request must be heard by the council within 45 days.

According to estimates, a special election would cost the town between \$1,000 and \$1,800.

Mrs. Dennis said members of the petition group will be available this Saturday morning outside both the Agawam and Feeding Hills Post Offices for any registered voter to sign the petition.

## Council Remains Divided

Those councilors contacted on Tuesday about this controversy remained divided.

Councilor Edward A. Caba cited several laws to back-up the council's cut, including Article 8, Section B of the Town Charter and Articles 5.1 and 5.2 of the town budget. "I feel we have complied with every mandate and with the Mass. General Laws," said Caba. "The council did not cut the position. It was the Mayor who chose to do it."

Councilor Thomas Ennis remained as determined as ever to hold his ground. "I didn't make the cut in the position. The administration did that. I just cut the budget."

Ennis said residents who attended Monday night's public hearing showed a lack of knowledge on how the council operates. "It was sad. They want specifics. When you get into specifics, you get into personal things. I don't want to get personal."

Ennis again strongly stated that townspeople are not at risk because the sanitarian's job was eliminated.

"I would like to dispel the myth that residents of Agawam are at risk. People in town are not at risk. Basically, it is a scare tactic put forward by those who orchestrated Monday night's hearing. There was a tremendous amount of organizing for the hearing and it brought out a lot of hostility."

Ennis noted that many times in the past he and Johnson have been at odds. "But I don't think the Mayor would play politics with the public safety of the people of Agawam. I respect everyone's opinion and I wish they would respect mine. I think

there is just as much support in town for the budget cut as there is against it."

Councilor Gary Suffriti was pleased with the turnout at the hearing. "I was happy to see the support of the townspeople. I was hoping one of the six councilors who decided to cut the position would see what the people of Agawam wanted and would change their mind."

Also applauding the public for their show of support was Councilor Nancy Gravel. "I was impressed by the number of concerned citizens who showed up. To me, that sends a clear message. But we are still not getting answers."

Mrs. Gravel said she remains appalled at the way Tryba's position was nixed. "I can't believe that since Mr. Tryba was handed his pink slip (July 31st), there has not been one inspection of a food establishment in Agawam. It doesn't make sense. We can spend \$20,000 on flowers to beautify the town, but we can't spend that much for the safety of its citizens."

Council President Joanne H. Willis said she was "gratified" that so many townspeople attended Monday's hearing to speak their minds. "I think the frustration of residents who feel isolated from the men and women who represent them in town government was obvious at the hearing."

Councilor Richard Brindle called the hearing "one sided. There were a number of people who got up and spoke their piece and we listened to them."

Councilor Louis Russo again blasted the council majority for their actions. "The citizens of town showed up Monday night and brought up good points and the six councilors who started this thing treated them deplorably. The public did not get the answers they wanted. Neither did the five councilors who voted to stop the budget cut."

"From what I've seen and heard, the town is in an uproar over what these six councilors have done to them," added Russo.

Councilors Jessie D. Fuller, Walter A. Balboni, and James Taylor could not be reached for comment on Tuesday.

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When such certificate has been so transmitted, said petition shall be deemed to be valid unless written objections are made thereto by a voter within forty-eight hours after such certification by filing such objections with the town council or the school committee, and a copy thereof with the registrars of voters.

(b) Referral to Town Solicitor—If the town clerk determines that a sufficient number of the signers are voters, he shall transmit a copy of the petition to the town solicitor.

Within fifteen days after his receipt of the petition the town solicitor shall advise the town clerk in writing whether the measure may be proposed by initiative procedures and whether it may lawfully be passed by the town council or the school committee. If the opinion of the solicitor is that the measure may not lawfully be passed in whole or in part he shall state his reason or reasons therefor in his reply. The town clerk shall forthwith furnish a copy of the town solicitor's opinion to the person designated on the petition as filing the same.

(c) Initiative petition; requirements for passage and submission to electorate—If any initiative petition is signed by voters equal in number to at least ten percent of the total number of voters and in the opinion of the town solicitor such measure may lawfully be passed in whole or in part by the town council or the school committee, the town council or the school committee shall, within twenty days after the date of the certificate of the registrars to that effect:

1. Pass said measure without alteration, subject to the referendum vote provided by this charter, or

2. The town council shall call a special election to be held on a date fixed by it not less than thirty nor more than forty-five days after the date of the certificate hereinbefore mentioned, and shall submit the proposed measure without alteration to a vote of the voters at that election; provided, that if any town election is otherwise to occur within one hundred and twenty days after the date of said certificate, the town council may, at its discretion, omit calling the special election and submit the proposed measure to the voters at such approaching election.

The ballots used when voting upon a proposed measure under this section, shall state the nature of the measure in terms sufficient to show the substance thereof.

How can we expect our Councilors to speak "for" us, when they won't speak "to" us!

Stand up for what you believe in! Please call Jane at 789-3402 for information (after 4:00 p.m.).

Jane Dennis  
Feeding Hills

## Family Of Lisa Ziegert Again Thanks Town For Support

### To The Editor:

Agawam is a wonderful place to live. In spite of our tragedy, this has been pointed out to us many, many times in the past few months.

Once again, we (George, Dee, Lynne, Sharon, David, and Blair) would like to thank the people of Agawam and the surrounding communities for the love, support, and respect you have shown Lisa and therefore all of us.

When we established Lisa's Memorial Fund, we never expected it to grow to such proportions. Originally, we intended to present a gift to the school in her memory.

Because of the generosity of so many, not only will we be able to donate a computer to the Middle School, but also to establish a scholarship which will be awarded to a graduating Agawam High School student who intends to pursue a degree in elementary education.

On July 20th, a golf tournament was held at the Agawam Country Club to benefit the Memorial Fund. This event was instrumental in making the gift and scholarship possible. Many people spent a lot of time and effort in making this event a great success.

Our sincere thanks go to:

—Carlo Simeoli, whose organization and zeal were the driving force of the day.

—The Ravosas for the donation of the club.

—Frank Bruno for the use of Casa Di Lisa and the wonderful meal.

—Edward Acker for the great photographs that benefitted the fund.

—Barb Viens and Shelley Borgatti for the white bows and help organizing the day.

—Ed Borgatti and all those who solicited donations from local businesses.

—Annie, Phila, Kim, Barb, Shelley, Abbie, and Ed for their help the day of the tournament.

—Jerry Rome Nissan for the donation of the car which, unfortunately, no one won.

—All those who sponsored a tee or green sign or golf cart.

—All the businesses that donated raffle prizes.

—Print-N-Copy for the posters and tickets.

Our special thanks to all 156 golfers who came and shared in a beautiful day for a beautiful reason. For the sunshine, we thank Lisa; we're sure it was a result of her smile which lit up our world.

Other events have been organized in town to benefit the Memorial Fund, and we would like to express our appreciation. Hot Heads held a Cut-A-Thon and, although the day was interrupted by a major storm, the results were very gratifying.

Perry Lane Camp donated the proceeds from the penny carnival to the fund. Lisa worked at the camp for four years. She knew most of the campers and always enjoyed working with them.

We would like to send a special thanks to the students and teachers at the Middle School for the tree that was planted in her honor. The dedication, held on a beautiful day in June, was a lovely tribute to Lisa.

If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize. It was from a lack of knowledge, not appreciation.

In fact, we are still working on acknowledgements for flowers, food, and enrollments. There were so many and it is a difficult task, but please be assured ... if we have your address, you will hear from us.

If not, we appreciate your thoughtfulness and hope you know that you are in our hearts and that you made our days a little bit easier.

With great appreciation and love,  
The family and loved ones of Lisa Ziegert

## Feeding Hills Resident Comments On Route 57

### To The Editor:

This concerns a matter which bears strongly upon the future traffic problems in Feeding Hills and the imminent impact of the present impasse regarding the western section of Route 57.

I shall endeavor here to develop the reasons why Agawam should take by eminent domain the controversial area on Springfield Street recently halted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers because of wetland problems.

This is now undergoing the process of a sale by the present owner of record who is required to inform the buyer of all encumbrances against the property. These are numerous. I'll detail a few, first mentioning the fact that the Agawam Housing Authority is interested in locating future housing there, and it is also a good location for the new Senior Center - neither being great generators of traffic.

Encumbrances:

When the Army Corps of Engineers had a Cease and Desist Order on the property and during the period when the owners were requesting permission to fill certain wetlands, they were under surveillance at night, resulting in the observation that for one full week at night and two Sunday mornings, their machinery was busy making dit-

ches to drain wetlands north of and adjoining the ditch previously dug at night and in violation of a Cease and Desist by the then DEQE - deliberately to flood Cincotta Farms.

You may be sure these facts were taken into account in the Army Corps' decision to deny the request to fill. There are witnesses - plural. The Corps also expressed its fear of possible effects on planning of the eastern section of Route 57.

2. Another important and well known encumbrance is that the property contains about ¾ of an acre of fill in an easement and under an order by the Council to be removed. This order is about a year old and the owners have totally ignored it.

3. The flooding of Cincotta Farms. This is a time bomb. Recent discoveries could give a buyer very large problems.

4. The ditch currently deflecting run off from the fill was diverted directly into the brook, apparently violating the Federal Clean Water Act's injunction against sending dredge and fill sediments into the "Waters of the United States." This is currently causing problems on land south toward Route 57.

There are other encumbrances under investigation which we prefer not to enumerate now - but let the buyer beware.

Walter P. Harrington  
Feeding Hills

## Camp Rainbow & Perry Lane Thank AAN For Coverage

### To The Editor:

Many thanks are extended to Ric Sardella and his staff at *The Agawam Advertiser News* for their excellent coverage of both Camp Rainbow and Perry Lane Camp, and all other recreational activities throughout the year. Jack Devine took many fine pictures of all the events.

The *Advertiser News* keeps the public of Agawam aware of the programs offered to them by the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department at an affordable price.

Sincerely,  
Jack Kunasek  
Recreation Director

## McCarthy Tile Company Thanked By Clark Staff

### To The Editor:

The Early Childhood Program, located at James Clark School, wishes to thank Mark and Lance Poirier of McCarthy Tile and Rug Company, located at 1140 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, for the most generous donation of carpet squares for our entire program.

Thanks!  
The Early Childhood Staff

SEE LETTERS - Page 7...

# Massachusetts Automobile Insurance Companies Seek 11.3% Rate Increase!

- Blue Cross Seeks A 30% Increase in Medex Premiums!
- Blue Cross Received A 25.8% Increase In Medex Premiums Last Year!
- Blue Cross Contributed \$2,000 To Senator Melconian Last Year ... \$1,000 Of It Had To Be Returned As It Was Over The Legal Limit For Contributions!

Senator Melconian Says She Is Fighting The Insurance Industry For You And Says They Are "Greedy And Rotten To The Core." Auto And Health Insurers, Lobbyists, And PACs Contributed Thousands Of Dollars To Senator Melconian In Her Last Term!

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Letters To The Editor - continued...

Thanks A Bunch, Brother  
For All That You Do

To The Editor:  
"A Special Brother"

A Brother is someone you love from the start.  
A Brother like mine who touches your heart.

He's caring and giving and one of a kind.  
He's there when you need him, even in a bind.

My brother is the one, who thru his eyes he sees,  
The best that I can do, the best that I can be.

Because of my brother, my dreams have been met,  
And my life will succeed, you can count on it, you can bet.

Thank you, Frank  
Love, your sister Lori

Kateri Walsh Is Best For  
Agawam As U.S. Rep.

To The Editor:  
Dear Voter:  
We must send a representative to Congress that will represent us, the people, not the special interests.

Kateri Walsh does not accept contributions from Political Action Committees (PAC's). Because this limits her campaign funds, it is important for the voters to support her. We must send a representative to Congress that will represent the people and not the special interests.

Let's take advantage of this opportunity and vote for Kateri Walsh on September 15th!  
Thank you!

Sincerely,  
John F. Anderson  
46 Central Street  
Agawam

Councilor Suffriti Thanked  
By Residents For Help

To The Editor:  
On behalf of the residents of Stony Hill Road and Tanglewood Lane, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Councilman Gary Suffriti for his expeditious work on our behalf to have lights installed in our previously dark neighborhood.

Within the same week, I and my neighbor, Josie Heim, happened to mention to Mr. Suffriti that we did not have any street lights, and asked him what the proper procedure would be to have them installed.

He told us that once we had a petition signed by the residents in the neighborhood requesting that lights be erected, we could simply leave the petition with him and he would take care of the rest.

And, HE DID.  
THANK YOU, MR. SUFFRITI

Janis Phaneuf  
Stony Hill Road  
Feeding Hills

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM  
PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 17th, 1992 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Town Council to amend Chapter 180 of the Agawam Town Code entitled "Zoning," Article I, Section 180-2.B entitled "Definitions and Word Usage" by adding two new definitions for tractor trailers and storage trailers.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD  
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Published: September 3, 1992

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BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD  
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Published: September 3, 1992

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TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, September 10, 1992, at 7:15 PM, in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, called to act upon the petition of Princess Realty to perform work subject to the ACT on Deerrun Road.

Henry Kozloski, Chairman  
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Published: September 3, 1992

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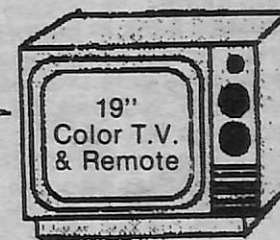


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# Campaign '92

## Kateri Walsh Blasts Rep. Neal For Taking PAC \$

Kateri Walsh, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Massachusetts second Congressional district, released the following statement this week:

"The political system and its Congressmen are owned by PAC and special interest money. This must stop. My first act as a representative of the people will be sponsorship of legislation to ban all PAC and special interest money from campaigns," she stated, adding, "It is time to return government to the people."

"I challenge Richie Neal to return all the PAC money that he once so vehemently argued against. In a March 9th, 1980 article that appeared in the Springfield *Sunday Republican*, Neal wrote of the evils of PAC money and its 'staggering consequences for the established political order.'

"Neal says it himself ... 'what this factional approach invites in government is a return to tribalism, or ME FIRST POLITICS.' Richie Neal has since learned to put himself first at the expense of the American people," blasted Walsh.

"Congressman Neal has not only betrayed the American people," she continued, "but he has betrayed himself. This vicious pattern of abuse—abuse of the American taxpayer—must end. How can Richie Neal say he represents your interests when over 52% of his money is PAC and special interest money?"

"I tell you he can't provide independent and honest leadership like I can, because I refuse to be beholden to the narrow interests of the few," said Walsh.

"Richie Neal has learned the 'me first' game well, as evidenced by his acceptance of nearly \$400,000 in PAC and special interest money. He has learned quickly to play 'monkey see, monkey do' and get his hands on as much PAC money as possible."

"By enhancing his 'political career,' he has become the representative of PAC and special interests. He has forgotten the people he was sent there to represent," she remarked.

"I'm sorry, but I do not believe you can make free and independent decisions when you have \$400,000 worth of special interests wrapped around your neck. The people's voice is a distant echo to Congress when they are focusing on the roar of PAC money."

"What does a bank in Florida, a bank in Illinois, and a Connecticut insurance company have to do with the people of the second district (of Massachusetts)? Nothing, but it does a lot for Neal's campaign pockets."

"As your representative," concluded Walsh, "I will be free of PAC and special interest money—I will have no obligations to repay favors."



**U.S. REP. CANDIDATE Kateri Walsh** held a coffee hour for Agawam residents at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street this past Monday night. Turning out to support her candidacy were, from left - Town Council President Joanne H. Willis, Kateri Walsh, Town Councilor Nancy Gravel, and Raymond Charest. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Melconian & Walsh Will Convene Meeting To Discuss Delay Of Route 57 Phase II

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that she and State Representative Michael Walsh (D-Agawam) will jointly call a meeting this fall with Mayor Christopher Johnson, local Agawam elected officials, and Agawam's Congressional delegation, as well as State and Federal officials, to move forward with "a full court press" to begin Phase II of the Route 57 extension project as quickly as possible.

"Another two-year delay for the start of Route 57 is unacceptable and reprehensible to Agawam residents," stated Melconian. "The purpose of the fall meeting will be to bring together everyone essential to Phase II."

"Its purpose is simple and twofold: (1) to assure maximum public pedestrian and traffic safety on South West and South Westfield Streets until Phase II begins; (2) to identify the political and bureaucratic causes impeding the Phase II start, and to set-up teams which will work together to cut the political and bureaucratic red tape."

"Periodic meetings, strategy sessions, and reports of progress will follow this initial meeting," she stated.

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"Every transportation project requires constant diligence to succeed," emphasized Melconian. "Mike (Walsh) and I have been right there monitoring, meeting with officials, and insisting that Phase I and Phase II move forward as quickly as possible."

"Our offices are always available to our constituents who have problems with any aspects of the Route 57 construction project."

She continued, "Phase I is now progressing right on schedule. Yet, we are all aware of the numerous obstacles—the 55 conditions—which had to be addressed and overcome before construction of Phase I began."

SEE ROUTE 57 - Page 9...

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Campaign '92 - continued...

# Melconian Appears Before Commissioner To Voice Dissent On Blue Cross Hike

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) testified this week before the State Insurance Commissioner, Kay Doughty, in opposition to the proposed Blue Cross Blue Shield rate hike for Medex subscribers and called upon the Weld Administration to support her bill, S 660, to make "Medigap coverage financially affordable for all our senior citizens who require such coverage."

Melconian's legislation would create a Medigap subsidy for seniors with low incomes similar to the fuel assistance program. In her testimony, she further called upon Blue Cross Blue Shield to cooperate with the Legislature in supporting a subsidy program.

"It seems to me that Blue Cross Blue Shield could support our efforts to financially assist in the high cost of health coverage for seniors who do not qualify for other lower cost plans," she stated.

"Blue Cross Blue Shield argues that it lost \$18 million in Medex last year. Yet," stressed Melconian, "it posted an overall \$39 million surplus with which it was willing to pay \$1.7 million in bonuses to 144 executives who are highly compensated."

"This is atrocious policy for a non-profit health insurer and must be stopped!"

The following is the written text of Senator Melconian's testimony:

**Testimony Senator Linda J. Melconian  
Medex Rate Hearing (Docket No. G 92-28)  
September 1, 1992**

For the record, my name is Senator Linda J. Melconian. I am here today as Senate Chairwoman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Insurance to express my strong opposition to Blue Cross and Blue Shield's proposed composite 18% increase for Medex Insurance and specifically the outrageous 28.3% rate increase for Medex Gold.

You must, Madam Commissioner, not allow this to happen.

At the same time Medicare has been cut back, Medex Gold has doubled. These overwhelming increases have forced seniors to reduce or forgo

Medex coverage completely.

The current and projected cost for Medex Gold Insurance is pushing our elderly into a financial crisis. It is denying the 173,000 seniors access to basic health care. It is creating a medically dangerous situation for them because they will forgo important and necessary medical care.

Senior citizens, the Commonwealth's fastest growing age group, unfortunately are being pushed over a health insurance cliff, while this Administration, like the previous one, is dragging its feet to make essential Medigap coverage financially affordable for all our senior citizens who require such coverage.

These past increases have driven a blade through the hearts of our senior citizens. Unfortunately, the bleeding has not stopped. Blue Cross and Blue Shield's present request for a 28.3% increase cries out for a transfusion, not of blood, but of ideas.

Senate bill 660, which I sponsored, would create for seniors with low incomes a subsidy out of the uncompensated care pool. It is a plan with finite funding which would be administered similarly to the fuel assistance program where eligible senior citizens could apply for financial assistance.

I call upon you, Madam Commissioner, and the Weld Administration to get behind this important initiative which would provide immediate financial relief for low-income seniors.

With such a financial plan in place, I would then call upon you, Madam Commissioner, to eliminate the current cross subsidization of Medex plans whereby Medex Bronze payors subsidize Medex Gold subscriber premiums. To comply with the Federal Government, you must end this cross subsidization.

I look forward to working with you, Madam Commissioner, and the Weld Administration in taking action to reform the Medex system, thereby ensuring that the Commonwealth seniors will have Medex insurance which is affordable to address their health care needs.

## ROUTE 57 - from Page 8...

"It was the perseverance, the tenacity, and the insistence of the entire Agawam community—as well as the bipartisan cooperation of all elected officials—that made Phase I happen."

"We need that same 'full court press,' steadfastness, and bipartisan cooperation to move Phase II forward as expeditiously as possible."

"Right now," she said, "every major artery in Agawam (Mill, Suffield, Poplar, and Springfield Streets) is torn up with road construction, reconstruction, and traffic signalization, most of it related to Phase I of Route 57."

"It is a major inconvenience for all of us who travel these roads daily. As school starts, it is essential to become extra conscientious and cautious for the safety of every Agawam school child. My office stands ready to offer any assistance to local police and officials in this effort."

"We met and conquered every bureaucratic and political roadblock to Phase I. We will continue to do it again with Phase II," concluded Melconian.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16, 1992 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of STANLEY ZUCKER who is seeking to amend a Special Permit, Case No. 1263, which would allow for the retention of an overhead door at the premises identified as 53 RAMAH CIRCLE SOUTH.

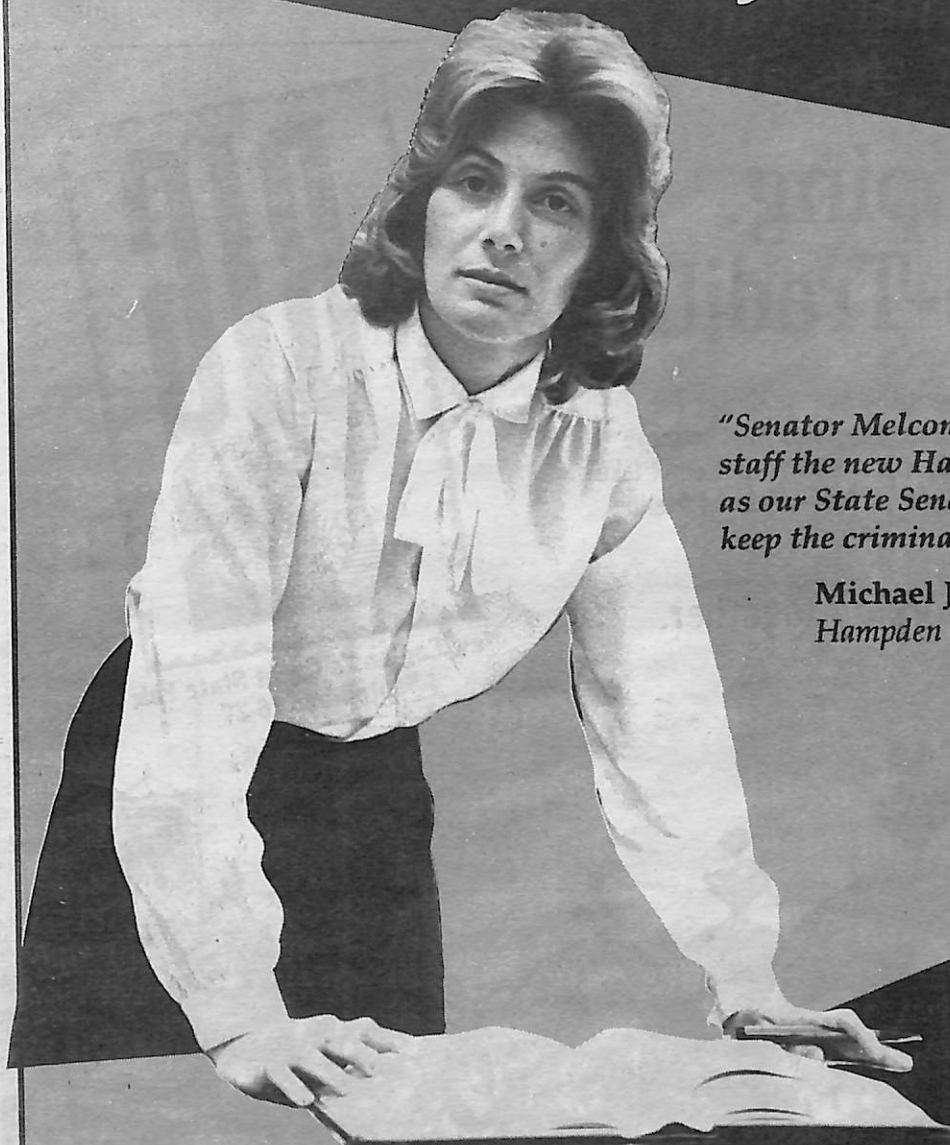
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS  
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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## Linda J. Melconian Is Tough On Crime



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## Mrs. Willis Proposing Review Of Some Rules That Govern Council

Town Council President Joanne H. Willis has released the following statement regarding a proposal she has forwarded to the Town Council for its consideration.

"The last few months as Council President have afforded me a unique perspective on the rules of order established by the Council. Although the rules have served the Council well over the last 20 years, I have observed several areas where a lack of specific rules or clarification of existing rules would have provided more order and a more focused debate on the issues before the Town Council," explained Mrs. Willis.

The Council President has referred several changes to the Council's Rules and Regulations Committee for its review and recommendation. The proposed changes include definitions of point of information and point of order, limiting members from speaking more than twice on the same motion without obtaining the leave of the Council, proposed amendments exceeding 10 words would be submitted in writing, along with other areas of clarification. These amendments to the Council rules will appear on the Town Council's September 8th agenda.

The president has also submitted a proposal which would require that all Council business be referred to an appropriate committee. This would require the revamping of the Council's standing committees.

This plan, which will be submitted to the Council at a later date, would provide that all questions and comments from individual councilors and members of the public would be addressed at committee meetings. This would reduce the need for constant revision of agenda items on the Council floor.

New standing committees would include Finance, City Property, Public Works, Human Services, Public Safety, Planning, Appointments, and Operations and Oversight.

Quoting from her letter to the Rules Committee, Mrs. Willis stated, "The chair must not impose any arbitrary restrictions upon the members, but is obligated to utilize the existing rules to guide the meetings.

"While the chair has the responsibility of presiding over the meetings and preserving decorum, it is the Council's responsibility to provide the chair with the tools to do so."

## Council Agenda For Sept. 8 Meeting

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Workshop of 7/7/92  
Minutes - Special Council Meeting of 7/20/92  
Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 8/3/92  
Minutes - Special Council Meeting of 8/17/92
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
  - (a) Resolutions
    1. TR-92-44-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute A Deed to Transfer a Parcel of Land Along Suffield Street to George Dean and Reserve an Easement and Right-of-Way Over Said Land (Mayor).
    2. TR-92-45-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Lease Agreement for the Public Use of Land Along Leonard Street, Agawam, Known as St. John's Field (Mayor).
    3. TR-92-46-A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of David Cecci, 10 Day Street, FH, MA to the Historical Commission to a Three Year Term Expiring January 1, 1995 (Mayor).
    4. TR-92-47-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute any and all Documents Pertaining to the Exercise of the Town's Right of First Refusal Under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 61A with Regard to the Property Owned by David and Pamela Berry Which is Located at Lot No. 2, Barry Street, "Appleberry Estates," Feeding Hills, Hampden County, Massachusetts (Mayor).
    5. TR-92-48-A Resolution to establish new Rules

and to amend the established Rules of the Agawam Town Council (Pres. Willis).

6. TR-92-49-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to submit a Grant Application to the Executive Office of Communities and Development for a Townwide Housing Rehabilitation Program under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program (Pres. Willis).

7. TR-92-50-A Resolution Supporting the "Historic Preservation Certification Application" for the Austin Hamblen House, 158 Main Street, Agawam, MA (Pres. Willis).

8. TR-92-51-A Resolution Establishing a Special Council Committee on Reorganization to Examine and Submit a Reorganization Plan to the Agawam Town Council (Pres. Willis).

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections

(a)  
1. TE-92-11-Election of a trustee to the Whiting Street Fund, to an unexpired term, expiring December 31, 1992.

2. TE-92-12-Election of a Chairman for the A.E.D.I.C.

3. TE-92-13-Election of a Vice-Chairman for the A.E.D.I.C.

9. Public Hearings

None

10. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TO-92-29-Voucher List (\$3,723.60).

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## Veterans Can Receive Educational Benefits From Commonwealth; Call Veteran's Services

The state of Massachusetts has provided educational benefits for its veterans over the years. Veteran agent Ruth Bitzas wishes to advise area veterans that she has received the second edition of "Veterans Laws and Benefits" as compiled by the Secretary of State's office. This is a revision of the 1974 edition.

In addition to World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam veteran eligibility, she has been advised through a local college that these benefits are also available for wartime veterans having served in Lebanon, Grenada, or the Persian Gulf War who are in receipt of a campaign medal and have been discharged under honorable condi-

tions.

This benefit provides tuition exemptions from state institutions of higher learning for up to 130 semester hours in most cases. Veterans are advised to see a veteran counselor available at the state college of your choice prior to registration.

However, if you have specific questions or would like a copy of the excerpt from this latest revision on veterans benefits as it relates to education, please contact Ruth Bitzas at the Veteran's Service Office, Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

Registrations are now being taken at local colleges for the fall semester.

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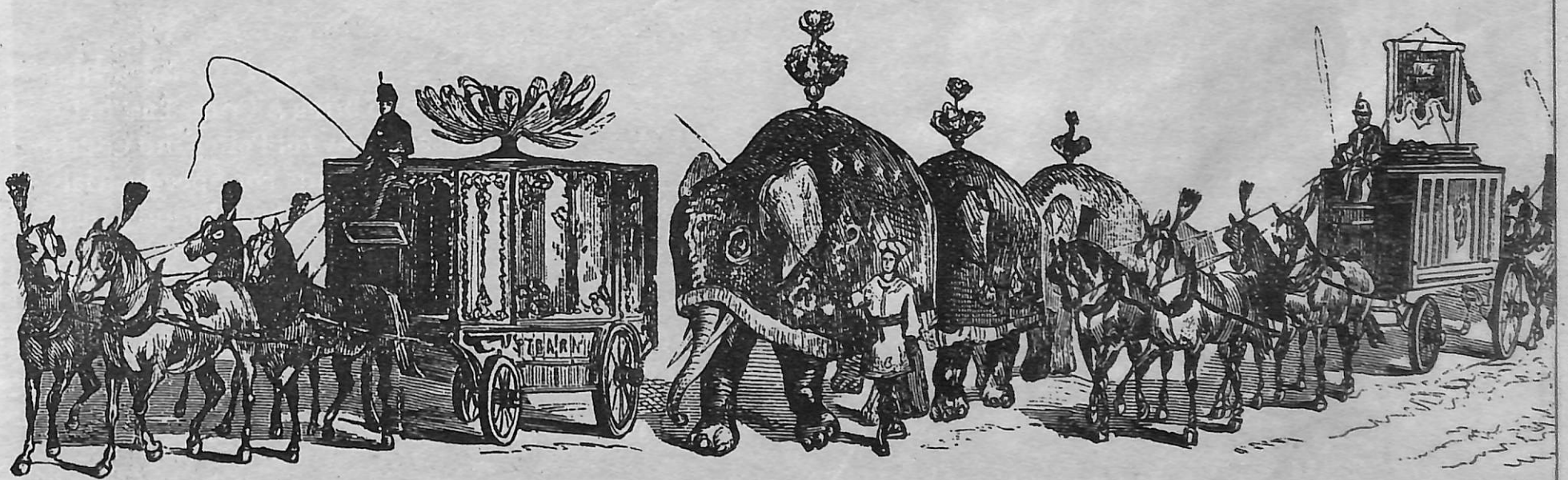
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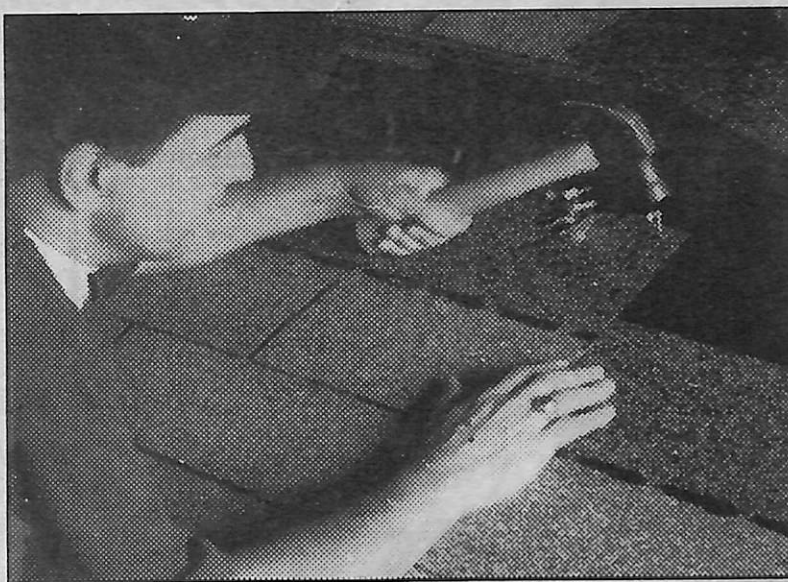
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## Fire-Wise

# Fire Safety For Older Americans

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

If you are age 65 or older, you are your own best insurance against fire and burn injuries. Fire safety isn't just for children because, like children, older Americans are at a greater risk of being injured or killed from fires or burn injuries than other adults.

The Agawam Fire Department encourages you to take some time to look for and correct fire hazards around your home. Make sure you have at least one working smoke detector on each level of your home. They should be tested once a month, and the battery should be changed annually.

Have an escape plan. Know two ways out of every room, in case fire or smoke block one way out. Remember, during a fire the breathable air is close to the floor, so crawl low under smoke. Once you get out, stay out and call the fire department from a neighbor's. Keep your glasses and a flashlight by your bed.

If you smoke or have smokers in your home, extra precautions should be taken. Each year careless smoking is a major cause of fires. A lit cigarette that falls onto a bed or sofa can smolder for hours.

You should never smoke in bed or when lying down. Make sure large, deep ashtrays are used

and that all smoking materials have been extinguished completely. Dispose of butts in a metal container or douse with water before emptying into a trash can.

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The kitchen is another area that can be very dangerous if certain precautions are not followed. Make sure your stove is clean and free of grease build-up. Keep flammables, such as towels and pot holders, away from the stove and oven.

Turn pot handles away from the front of the stove so they won't be knocked off or pulled down. If you're called away from the kitchen during food preparation, turn all burners off. If you have a stove fire, put a lid on it, turn off the heat, and let it cool.

Many fires are caused by home heating. You should have your heating system checked annually by a qualified professional. If you use portable electric or kerosene heaters, make sure they have at least three feet of clearance around them while in operation and always follow the manufacturer's instructions for their use.

Make sure you've insured your safety at home by knowing what to do in case of a fire. Contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 if you have any questions or need more information.

## Public Can Tour New County Jail In Ludlow

Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr. has announced that an Open House for the general public to view the new Hampden County Jail and House of Correction will be held on Saturday, September 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Open House tour lasts approximately one hour. The route of the tour was designed to give a comprehensive and representative viewing of the facility while, at the same time, attempting to assure a steady flow through the facility because of expected large crowds.

All areas in the Open House tour are on the first

floor, so that no stair climbing is entailed.

For security reasons, absolutely no cameras will be allowed into the facility, except for those operated by properly credentialed members of the media.

Also, for security reasons, no weapons will be allowed in the facility.

Absolutely no one will be admitted to the facility after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday or after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The new jail and House of Correction is located in the Northwest section of Ludlow on Randall Road.

## Agawam Obituaries

Violet Moore

Violet (Trevalion) Moore, 92, a resident of Heritage Hall Nursing Home and a lifelong resident of Agawam, died recently in Providence Hospital in Holyoke.

She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church. Her husband, Oliver Moore, died in 1973. She leaves two sons, Oliver Jr. of Springfield and Gerald of Concord; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Another son, Alan, died in 1989.

The funeral was at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home in West Springfield and in the church, with burial in Norwich Bridge Cemetery in Huntington.

Emil W. Weissert

Emil W. Weissert, 88, of 80 Riviera Drive, a retired 20-year machinist at the Berkshire Tool Co. in Westfield, died recently in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

Previously, he was employed by Package Machinery and American Bosch.

Born in Germany, he came to this country in 1929 and lived in Springfield until 1970, when he moved to Agawam.

He was a longtime member of the Springfield Turnverein and served on their board of directors. He also was involved in the Turnverein Men's Singing Section.

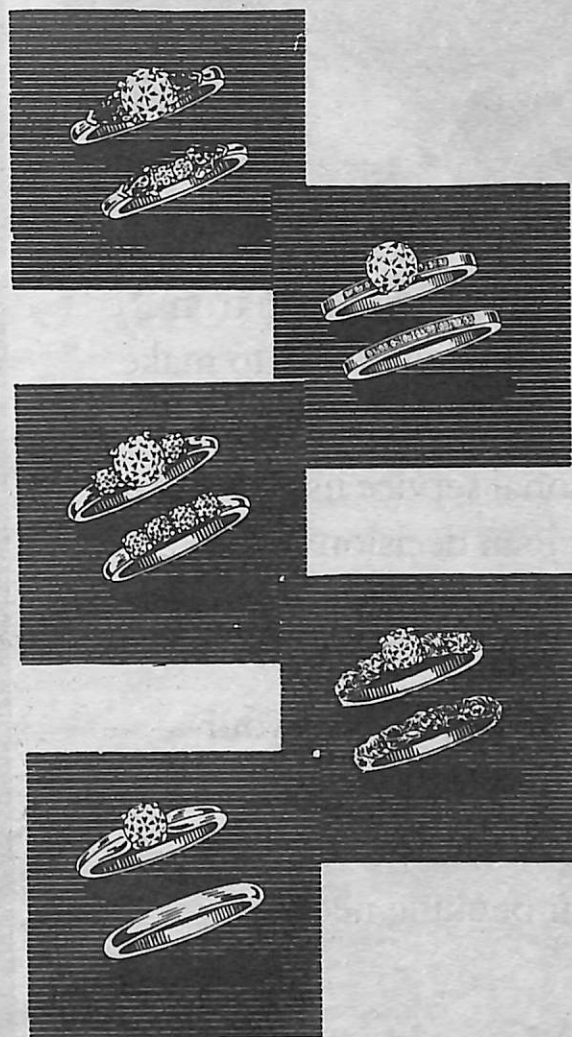
He leaves his wife, the former Marie E. Koenig; a brother, Alexander of New Fairfield, Conn.; and a nephew, Manfred Erb of New Britain, Conn.

Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Turnverein Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 786, Agawam, 01001, or the Singers or Ladies Glee Club, P.O. Box 786, Agawam 01001.

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## Families

### Ag. Public Library's Upcoming Activities

#### Storytimes And Playgroups

The Agawam Public Library will be starting a new session of Preschool Storytimes and Toddler Playgroups. Although its popular Storytimes for ages 2½-5 are already full, there are still spaces available in the library's Playgroups for ages 1½-2½.

These sessions are especially designed to offer creative play in an unstructured atmosphere for toddlers and their parents or grandparents. They are a wonderful introduction to early cooperative play as well.

The library offers two sessions: Mondays or Thursdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., for eight weeks beginning September 21st or 24th through November 9th or 12th. Please call the library at 789-1550 or come by at 750 Cooper Street to register.

#### Clown And Magic Show

The library will offer a special program for Agawam and Feeding Hills preschoolers and primary grade children on Saturday, September 19th, at 11:00 a.m.

Strawberry Productions will present a Clown and Magic Show in the library Community Room, followed by a facepainting session for the youngsters in attendance. Children must be registered to have their faces painted.

Parents may call the library at 789-1550 or register in person at 750 Cooper Street.

#### Apple Storytime

Come to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, September 26th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for a preschool storytime about apples.

We'll share apple books, an apple craft, and an apple snack. We welcome all those aged 2½-5 and their parents or grandparents, especially those who have a nine-to-five work schedule and find it hard to bring their kids to our weekly programs.

Please call the library at 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register.

### Agawam Seniors Heading For National Games In Louisiana

The June 1992 Massachusetts Senior Games came to a very successful conclusion for the 17 Agawam/Feeding Hills senior athletes—the largest contingent to compete from a small town, with 28 medals being won. They are now looking forward to competing in the National Games to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in June 1993.

On Thursday, August 13th, the athletes held a meeting at the Agawam Senior Center to seek a sponsor and start a fund to cover the cost of travel and accommodations that will enable these athletes to go to the Nationals and once again compete in the various events: bowling, discus, javelin, shotput, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, and tennis.

Henceforth, this group of senior athletes will be known as ASGA (Agawam "Senior Games" Athletes). Officers elected are: Desiree Jacobs, President; Robert Jaynes, Vice President; Vi Presz, Secretary; Carol Moran, Treasurer; and Janice Bonk, Public Relations.

The next meeting of ASGA will be held on Thursday, September 24th, at the Agawam Senior Center. Any Agawam senior citizen desirous of participating in a sport and/or assisting ASGA in its efforts to obtain funds to get our present medalists to the Nationals is urged to attend this meeting.

Anyone—Agawam citizen, organization, or business—interested in obtaining more information, and/or would like to sponsor our Agawam "Senior Games" Athletes, should contact Sandra Smith at the Agawam Senior Center, 786-0400, extension 242.

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### Preschoolers Enjoy Heritage Hall Pirate Hunt



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME held a preschool pirate hunt with pirate storyteller Ed Berthiaume at a "Pirate Party" held at the South Building on August 20th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Nocturnal Adoration Society Gathering At St. Thomas Church In West Side

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet in St. Thomas Apostle Church, Pine Street, West Springfield, on Friday, September 11th, from 9:00 p.m. thru 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12th, to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament.

Father John T. Cain opens the event with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Assisting Father Cain are James Conroy, chairman of St. Thomas membership, and Horace F. Troie, the group's leader.

Members recite both evening and morning

prayers (in private and public), closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 a.m.

Membership is open to all men and women 18 years of age or older. Prospective members may contact Father Cain or James Conroy.

The vigil is open to all who wish to spend an hour in Eucharistic prayer, both private and public. For those who are interested, please contact Louis Gallerani (president of the Society) in West Springfield at 739-5720.

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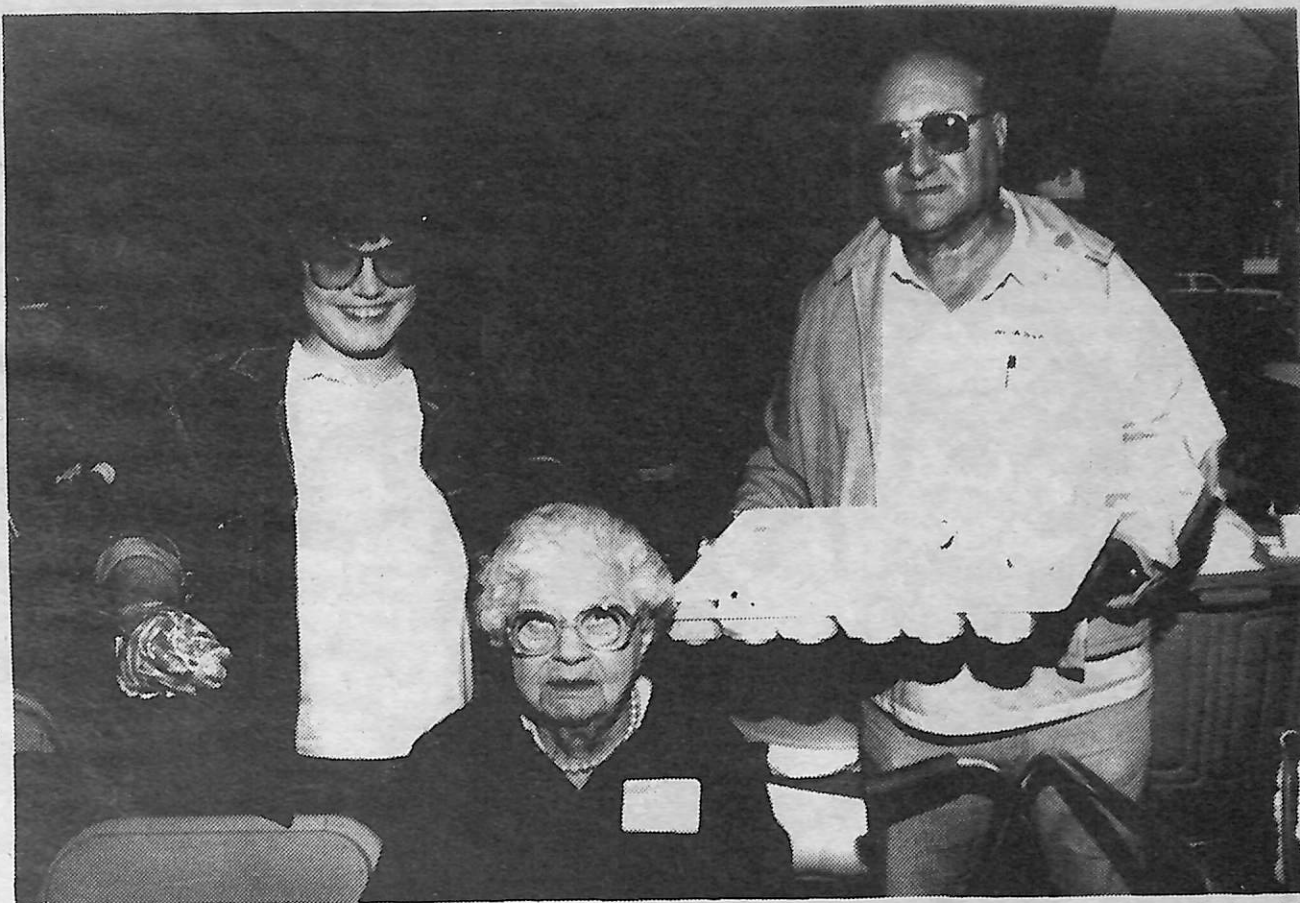
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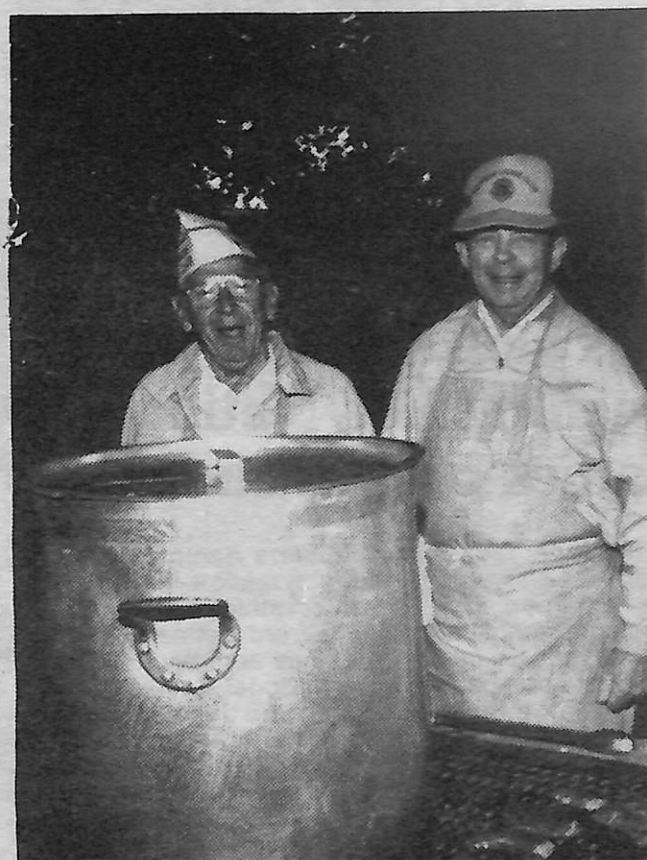
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# Annual Chicken BBQ At Heritage Hall Big Success



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME held its Annual Chicken BBQ with over 500 meals served by the Agawam Lions Club and the Heritage Hall Dietary Departments. Members of the Agawam Lioness and over 30 volunteers helped to serve. IN PHOTO LEFT, staff member Fayne Bagdonas and Lions member Al D'Agostino serve resident Isabella Wheeler; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Lions members Michael Alvaro and John Negrucci were part of the grill crew. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



HERITAGE HALL FOOD SERVICE supervisors Marylin Bliss, Molly Yacavone, Joni Mitchell, and Agnes Purcell assisted on the serving line at the Annual Chicken BBQ; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Lions Club members Joe DePalo and Denny Buell were also part of the grill crew. MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Chicken BBQ At Heritage Hall



**THE GIBBS FAMILY**, Pauline, Connie, and Gary enjoy sweet corn at the Heritage Hall Chicken BBQ. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, familiar faces from the Agawam Lions Club - Roger Jones, Frank Chriscola, Tony Maniscalco, Matt Blackak, and Paul Fieldstad also lent their expertise to the annual event. **RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 14.** Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## New Member Class Slated Sept. 13th At Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces that its new member class will begin on Sunday, September 13th, at 6:00 p.m.

The three-session class will cover the history and polity and mission programs for the local area, national, and world mission programs. All are invited to attend these inspiring and informative meetings.

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**PLAYGROUPS** begin Wednesday and Thursday, September 16th and 17th, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., at the Congregational Church.

These playgroups are for infants to children up to five years of age. Enjoy fellowship with other mothers, grandparents, and caregivers. For more information, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430.

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The church's Wednesday Night Service begins at 7:30 p.m., with the R.E.L.A.T.E. series following at 8:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 20th, the church school at Agawam Congregational Church. Classes for seventh through 12th grades and adults will be at 9:15 a.m.; crib room, nursery, and grades kindergarten through sixth will be at 10:30 a.m.

For more information and registration, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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The 456 Club (for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders) at the church will have an Orientation Night on Friday, September 11th, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room (located downstairs in the church).

All fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are invited to join the club for refreshments, activities, and fun. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

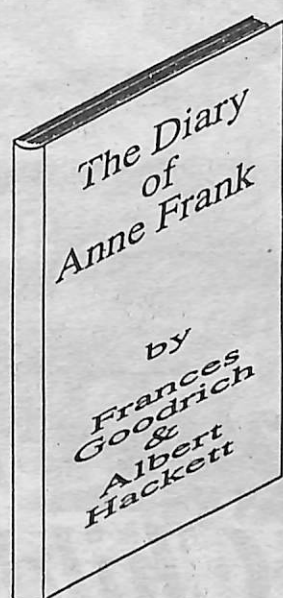
For more information or questions, please call Grace Tilden, 786-3942, or Peggy Webb, 786-5279.

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A new youth group, the 3-2-1-Kontakt (for kindergarten through third graders), will have its first meeting of the year at the Agawam Congregational Church on Thursday, September 10th, at 6:00 p.m.

This will be an informational night for parents and children. There will be refreshments along with some planned activities. For more information about the 3-2-1-Kontakt group, call Angela Phillips, 786-5980, or Sue Tapply, 786-1430.

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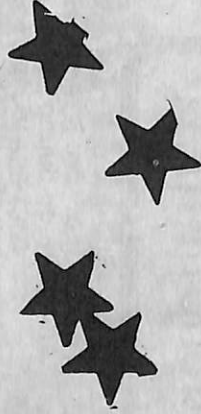
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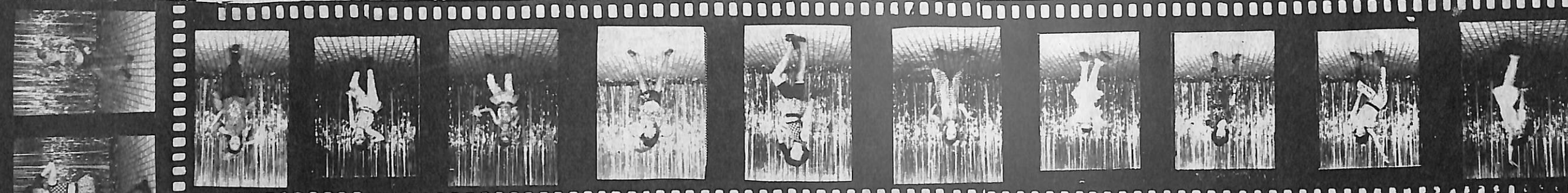
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The bride-to-be graduated from Southwick High School (1987) and Kay Harvey Academy (1988), and is currently employed as a hairstylist with Obsession Hair Design in Feeding Hills. She is also employed with an accounting firm in Springfield.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School, and he is currently employed as a coating technician at Balzer's Tool Coating in Feeding Hills.

The couple are planning to wed this fall.

## Junior Women's Club To Meet Sept. 15th

Following the summer break, the first fall meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be held Tuesday, September 15th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

This month's program will feature an International Chinese Auction. The meeting is open to the public and anyone attending is asked to bring an international item with a value of \$5 or less.

Following the auction will be a discussion of the club's upcoming activities, including ushering at StageWest, the Soccer Jamboree food booth, and the Holiday Basket program.

The club welcomes new members interested in making friends while serving the community. For more information, please contact Liz at 789-1320.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

## Junior Women's Projects On Display At Library

During the month of September, the display cases at the Agawam Public Library will feature information about some of the projects and activities the Agawam Junior Women's Club is involved in, as well as some of the awards the club has won. For 35 years, the club has served the community in a wide variety of ways.

After viewing the display, anyone interested in more information about the club should come to a Membership Tea on Thursday, September 10th, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, or contact Liz Taylor at 789-1320.

The display can be viewed during library hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## Laughing Brook Open On Labor Day

Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden, MA, will be open to the public on Labor Day—Monday, September 7th—from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

A special holiday program for families, "Tools and Tasks," is offered at 2:00 p.m. and is included in the price of admission.

Families can participate in an activity using human tools to demonstrate animal adaptations and then tour the wildlife exhibits to discuss adaptations by Laughing Brook's resident porcupines, bobcat, white-tailed deer, turkey vulture, and more.

Visitors can also hike scenic walking trails which wind through field and forest, or explore the wildlife exhibits on their own.

Sanctuary admission is \$4 for adults, and \$2.50 for seniors and children ages three to 16. Children under three and Massachusetts Audubon members are admitted free.

For further information, call Laughing Brook at (413) 566-8034.

## Agawam Garden Club Plans To Meet September 8th

The Agawam Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, September 8th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

A pressed flower workshop will be held, and club members will have the opportunity to make either a bookmark or small note card, using pressed flowers.

Also, plans for the annual banquet in November will be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

The public is cordially welcome to attend. For further information, contact Judy Clini at 786-3736.

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What comes to mind when you hear the word "saved"? Perhaps you think of an experience similar to this one from my memory file. When I was nine years-old, my family took our first trip to the ocean, to a quiet beach in North Carolina.

My two brothers and I had come prepared, complete with Styrofoam surfboards, which is what we were carrying when we went to the beach on a Monday morning. "Surfing" was most on our minds as Dad finished the morning instructions "...and don't go out too far!"

After the obligatory "Yessir," we darted for the water and enjoyed the pounding surf of the Atlantic for the first time in our lives. As safety is not the primary concern of a nine year-old "surfer," I inched further and further out into the surf.

And then it happened...a big wave hit me and when I reached to dig my toes into the sandy sea bottom...it wasn't there! I looked toward the shore; it seemed miles away. The next moments were a blur of gurgling screams, releasing my surfboard, and thrashing to stay afloat.

Fortunately, my cries were heard and after what seemed like an eternity, a man reached out to grab my hand, a half step ahead of my Father, into whose arms I was placed. I had been rescued; I was saved.

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I think this kind of story is what most of us think of when we talk about someone being "saved." But did you know that my story closely parallels what God does when He "saves" someone? Let me explain:

The Bible says that all of us have "gone out too far," we've crossed the boundaries of a loving God...we have sinned. The consequence of "going out too far" is eternal separation from God; serious indeed!

We are thrashing about, trying to dig out toes into the sand and save ourselves (doing good, going to church), but we need outside help.

It should not surprise us that God, who wants us on the "shore" of forgiveness and a permanent family relationship with Himself, has waded out to the deep waters that threaten us. He reaches out his hand to us with the gift of life.

It is when we stop our thrashing, let go of all our props, and grab His hand that we are "saved." Check out these verses from the Bible on your own and see if I'm not telling you the truth:

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast"—Ephesians 2:8,9.

"For, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"—Romans 10:13.

Twenty-two years ago, I was "saved" from drowning by grabbing the hand of a rescuer. But I was "saved" from my sin when I trusted God and took hold of His free gift of forgiveness and life. That same hand is offered to you.

## Pvt. Lavalette Arrives For Duty In Germany

U.S. Army Private Christopher Lavalette has arrived for duty in Heidelberg, Germany.

The soldier, a computer operator, is the son of Donna L. Lavalette of 418 Meadow Street, Agawam, and Richard Lavalette, Sr., of 61 Orlando Street, Feeding Hills.

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Friends and family of Jan P. Sadowski, Jr. are having a benefit dinner-dance for Jan to help pay for medical costs of laser surgery for a brain tumor.

They are asking for the support of the community.

The benefit will be held Friday, October 30th at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a DJ and raffles. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Ed at 786-5493, Pat at 789-2069, or Sandy at 789-0484.

If anyone else would like tickets to sell, please contact the above mentioned people.

A benefit account has been set up at Westbank in Feeding Hills on Jan's behalf if anyone wishes to make a contribution.

For 35 years, the Agawam Junior Women's Club has been involved in many projects and programs in the arts, education, public affairs, conservation, international affairs, and home life. The club offers a wide range of activities in order to accommodate individual interests and efforts in community service.

Come to the club's Membership Tea on Thursday, September 10th, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library in order to learn more about the club. Members will be available to answer questions and discuss club activities and projects.

The club welcomes new members interested in making friends while serving the community. For more information, call Liz Taylor, membership chairwoman, at 789-1320.

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## Annual Polish Fest Slated In Westfield At. St. Joe's Church

St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church in Westfield will hold its annual Dozynki (Polish Harvest Festival) on Sunday, September 6th. The festival will be held from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Social Center and Parish Grounds, Main Street and Clinton Avenue, Westfield.

The harvest wreath, which will be blessed during the 8:00 a.m. Mass that morning, will be brought to the festival, with the procession starting promptly at 2:00 p.m. The Dozynki program, highlighted by members of the parish dressed in Polish costumes and singing beautiful Polish folk songs, will follow.

The St. Joseph's Dozynki Dancers will perform traditional Polish folk dances as well. After the program, the Leo Murawski Orchestra will provide music for your dancing pleasure from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Dozynki kitchen will be open from 12:00 noon until closing. Of course, we'll have the Polish favorites—pierogi, golabki, kapusta, kielbasa, etc.—as well as American foods. There will be games for the children and the adults. There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited.

We celebrate Dozynki, a Harvest Festival of Thanksgiving, and we are reminded of the old Polish traditions concerning the feast. A wreath, called either "wieniec" or "snop," is blessed by the priest on that day.

Women of the parish will prepare and decorate the mound-shaped wreath, which is made of many kinds of grain, herbs, flowers, fruits and vegetables, and is adorned with red and white ribbons.

The Dozynki singers, who represent the peasants, will bring the wreath to the festival and present it to the landlord and his wife, the "Pan" and "Pani." The peasant singers offer special harvest songs, after which there is a time of merriment.

Now that the harvest work is over, the dancing and feasting begin. Dozynki is a festival of praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for the goodness He has given us, and it is a time for us to enjoy these gifts God has given us as well.

The St. Joseph's Dozynki dancers is a group of some 14 youths from St. Joseph's parish in Westfield. Mrs. Tammy Nemkovich will be directing the dance group this year.

The Dozynki singers are members from St. Joseph's parish and other Polish National Catholic parishes of our area who have joined together to uphold this beautiful Polish tradition. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schab will be the "Pan" and "Pani" of this year's harvest festival.

Edward Brzys, chairman of the Parish Committee, and the Very Reverend Robert M. Nemkovich, pastor, extend a most cordial invitation to all to attend this year's Dozynki. They assure you that you will have an enjoyable time.

## Disabled Of WMass To Meet Sept. 14th

Disabled of Western Massachusetts, Inc. will be holding their next monthly meeting on September 14th at 7:30 p.m.

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## Forastiere Family Can Offer Grief Support At "Options" Program On Sept. 8th

Forastiere Family Funeral Homes' "OPTIONS... for a brighter tomorrow," emotional support for those who are grieving, is offering a guest speaker program on Tuesday, September 8th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, in the lower church hall, 123 William Street in Springfield.

Captain Charles Camerlin, Senior Deputy Sheriff of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department, will present the topic, "Awareness and Prevention for Safety."

When a loved one dies, griever often have feelings of fear, insecurity and vulnerability... the world does not seem "safe" anymore. Sometimes the feelings are so intense, they may become immobilized and remain in their homes rather than

venturing out; in addition, some develop fear of being alone even in their familiar surroundings.

The first step in overcoming these feelings is to do everything possible to feel physically safe; Capt. Camerlin will offer concrete suggestions as to how this can be accomplished. He will instruct as to ways in avoiding property crimes and attacks as well as methods of defending oneself if attacked. Camerlin stresses that awareness and prevention are key to safety.

This Guest Speaker Series is just one of the many "Caring Programs" offered free of charge to the community by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

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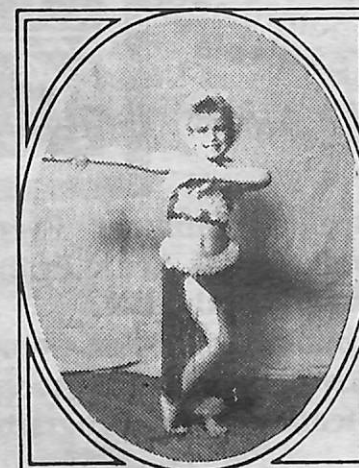
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**THE YOUTH GROUP** from the Agawam United Methodist Church who travelled to Buffalo for the Annual Summer Mission.

## First Baptist Youth Travel To Buffalo For Annual Mission

On July 10th, 14 members of First Baptist Church's youth group, along with seven adults, traveled to Buffalo, New York for their annual mission trip.

For five days, they found themselves around Buffalo, building for Habitat For Humanity, running a Vacation Bible School for inner-city kids, and volunteering at an adult day care center.

The group, who began preparing for this trip six months ago, worked very hard to make this adventure a reality. Through several pancake breakfasts, dinners, and a variety of other fundraisers, this group raised the necessary funds.

Besides five days of work, the Agawam youths spent a full day in Toronto, Canada and two days enjoying the American and Canadian sides of Niagara Falls.

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Habitat For Humanity, a world-wide Christian organization, builds low-cost housing for the poor. Through financial and material donations, accompanied by volunteer labor, Habitat builds quality homes which they then sell at a fraction of the cost.

The monies from the no-interest mortgages are then used to purchase materials for future homes. Future occupants are required to spend a minimum of 500 hours working on their's and other's homes.

The Agawam youths found themselves putting in walls and ceilings in a two-story home which will be soon filled by a family of eight.

Other sites found them unloading trucks, filling dumpsters and assisting with construction.

## Rosary Altar Society Plans Big Tag Sale

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church will hold a "Tag and Craft Sale" in the church parking lot on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Rain date is Sunday, September 13th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.).

Over 40 spaces have been rented for both tag items and crafts.

There is also a bake sale and a snack bar is available throughout the day.

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**THE YOUTH GROUP** from the Agawam United Methodist Church take time out for a field trip to Niagara Falls.

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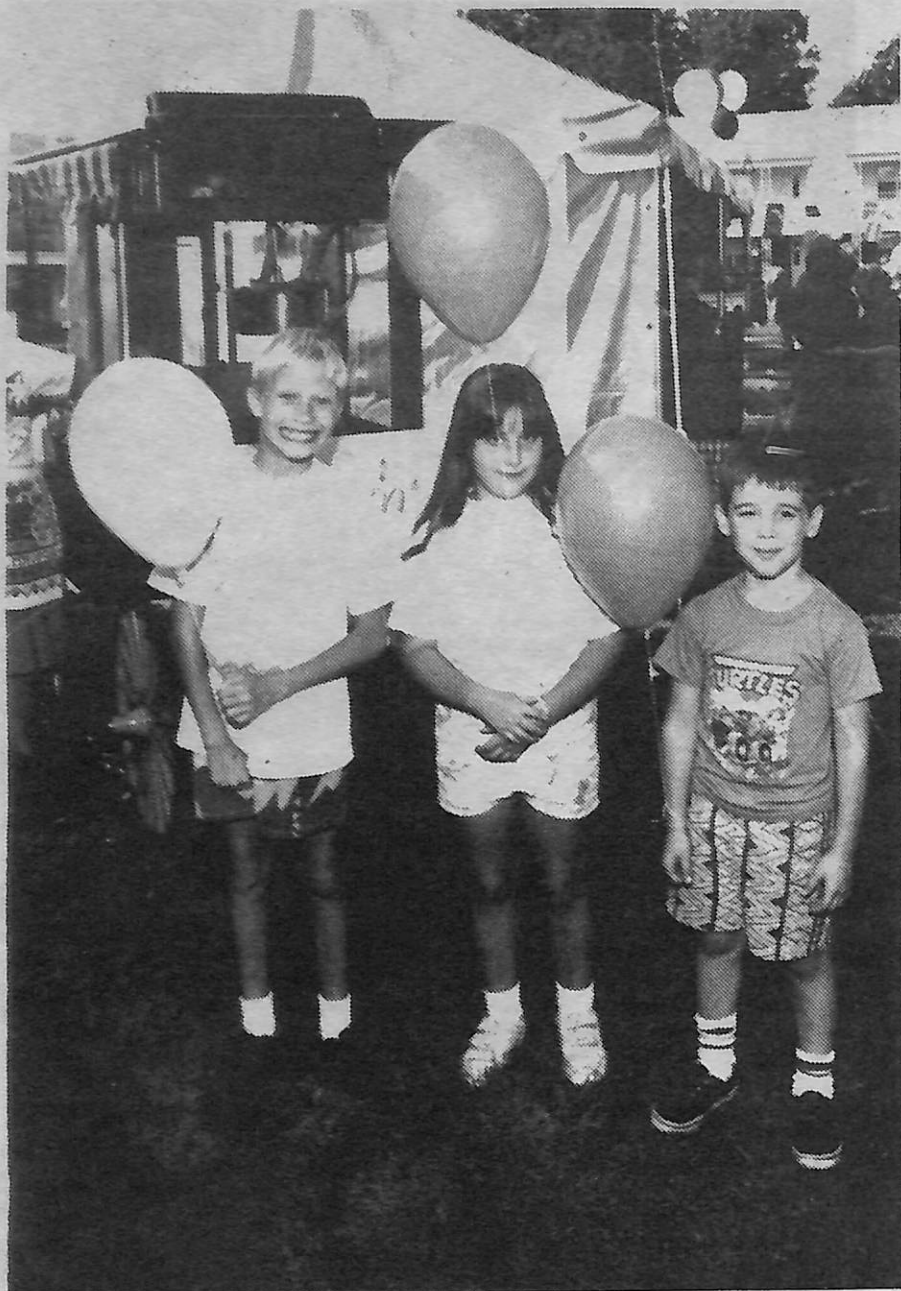
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## Senior Center Hosts German Festival



IN PHOTO LEFT, youngsters Eric Richards, Sean Agustynowicz, and Karyn Agustynowicz were among the large crowd who attended a German Festival at the Agawam Senior Center on August 22nd; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Alice McMullin and Judy Zukowski helped to supervise a dessert booth. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## German Festival Observed At Senior Center



FRANCES GAGNIER was bagging popcorn that was enjoyed at the Agawam Senior Center for a German Festival on August 22nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN TOP PHOTO, John & Lillian Egloff were enjoying homemade goodies at a German Fest at the Agawam Senior Center on August 22nd; IN PHOTO LEFT, Joanna Fazio (left), Peter Mathes, and Betty Couture supervised the food booth. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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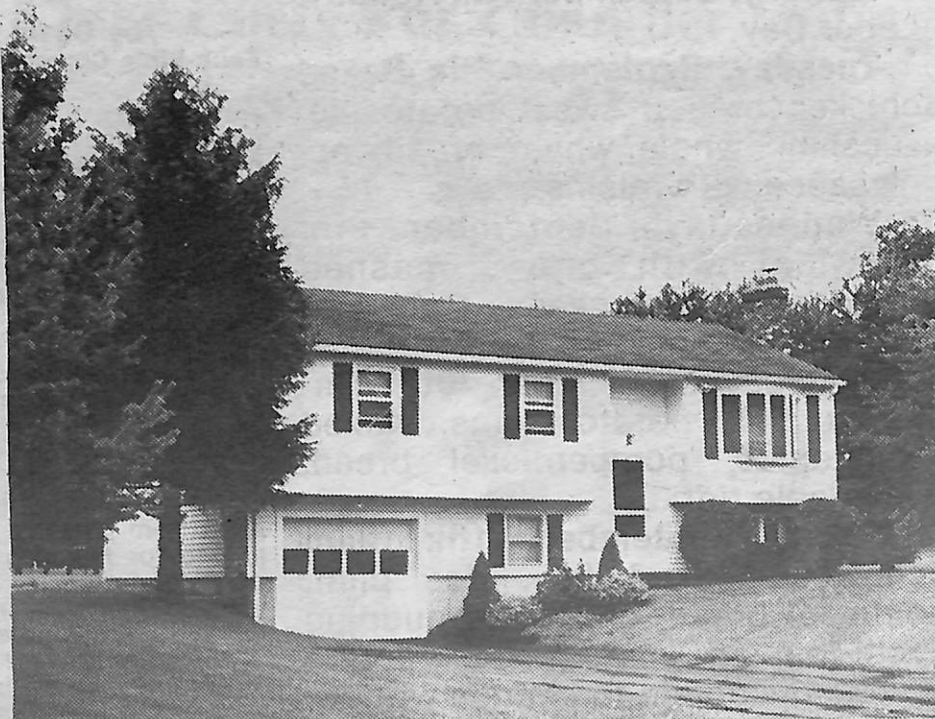


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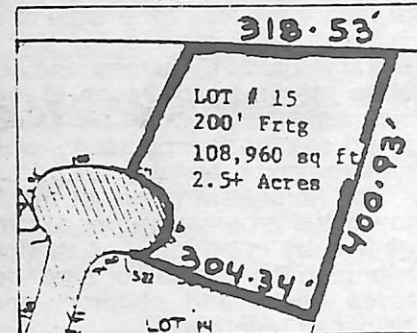
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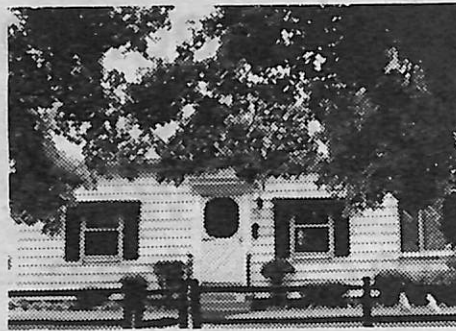
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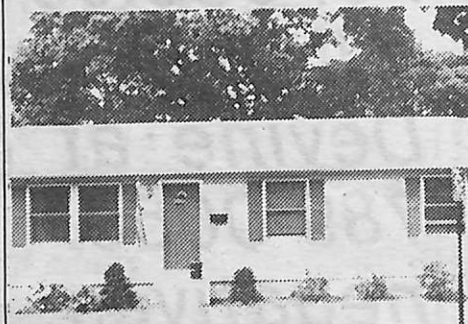
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## Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, September 7th:** Holiday Labor Day.

**Tuesday, September 8th:** Baked chicken breast, sweet potato pie, zucchini, whole wheat bread, applesauce with raisins.

**Wednesday, September 9th:** Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, Canadian oat bread, apple square.

**Thursday, September 10th:** Turkey cutlet, potato coins, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, pineapple tidbits.

**Friday, September 11th:** Clam chowder, baked fish, rice pilaf, oatmeal bread, chocolate pudding with topping.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Storyteller McCabe Packs Agawam Lib.

Popular storyteller Tom McCabe performed to a capacity audience of more than 150 on Tuesday evening, August 25th, at the Agawam Public Library on Cooper Street. Young and old alike were amused and entertained by Tom's tales from both folklore and modern children's literature.

The program was sponsored by Dr. Eber Wein and his family as a tribute to his late wife Esther, who was an avid reader and an ardent supporter of library services for people of all ages.

She was a member of the Agawam Center Library Board of Trustees, and actively involved in enriching library outreach to local families. She was especially fond of children's books, and enjoyed sharing the pleasures of reading with her children and grandchildren.

The library staff and all the families who enjoyed the program appreciate the Wein family's generosity in bringing us this performance as a tribute to the memory of a wonderful woman who loved books and children, and believed they belonged together.

In further tribute to Esther, the library has purchased a new copy of the best-selling book *Hey, Listen to This!* by Jim Trelease. The anthology of excerpts from outstanding children's books offers a treasury of read-aloud stories for parents and children to share, and is now available for community circulation.

## Speaking From The Bible...

### "Responding To God's Love"

by David Lanquist, Pastor  
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Have you ever tried to help someone who refused your offers? They needed financial assistance but would not accept your gift. They needed a friend but resisted your invitations for fellowship. They needed counsel but rejected your advice.

God's fathomless love is poured out at Calvary's cross. It's life-giving flow is available to everyone. Yet so many refuse the gift of eternal life, turning aside to personal pursuits and pleasures.

Some are deceived. They do not know the truth of the Gospel that can set them free. The majority, however, do not respond to God's offer of love because they refuse to admit their need of Him.

"I don't need God. I can get along fine without God's help." This reasoning fails to see that, apart from personal trust in Christ, man will be judged for his sins and separated from God's presence forever.

Self-sufficiency blinds us to our desperate condition. It taints and spurns the love of God.

But God's love still reaches out. The promise of forgiveness, a new birth, and a new relationship with Christ are given instantly when we respond to His love through faith in the sin-bearing Christ.

God loves you. He took the initiative at the cross. Have you received His gift of eternal life?

## Ag. United Methodists Adopt New Mission

The Agawam United Methodist Church has adopted a new Mission Statement and set top Program Priorities.

At a recent Administrative Council, the church adopted an image of itself as "a vibrant United Methodist Congregation committed to family and Christian principles." The two top Program Priorities for September through June will be:

- 1) Inviting new members into the church, and;
- 2) Strengthening the "Raise the Heat" Campaign to replace the church heating system.

This Sunday, September 6th, the church invites you to its worship service, as the congregation celebrates the sacrament of Holy Communion and Pastor Laurence Hill preaches on Luke 14:25-43 ... "Free and Costly."

The church choir will begin its fall rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:30 p.m.; the Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 8th, at 7:00 p.m.; and the Administrative Council will meet on Thursday, September 10th, at the new time of 7:00 p.m.

Agawam United Methodist Church is on Route 57, across from Agawam High School. The public is always invited, and urged to call Pastor Laurence Hill, 786-5278, or Lay Leader Percy Mickey, 786-7991, for information.

## AHS Class Of 1977 Plans 15th Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1977's 15th Reunion is slated for Saturday, November 7th at the Carriage House, Storowton Village, in West Springfield.

The Reunion Committee has been working hard to ensure another success. The following are names of class members for whom they currently have no address:

Barry Allison, Fred Babeski, Debbie Bailey, Martin Bittner, John Brobst, Janice Cara-Mazza, Lori Carestia, Patty Chiaro, Bob Cipriani, James Clement, Janet Dearborn.

Harold Dragon, Mary Ellen Drouin, David Dukette, Lynn Dussault, Jon Dwinell, Kurt Fields, Laurel Fountain, Mary Jean Fuller, Steve Gaynor, Lorraine George, Georgie Greene, Keith Hill, Andrea Hoag, Cindy Hollis, Tina Isotti.

Michael LaCroix, Richard Lathrop, Daniel Latour, Peg LeClair, Donald Malley, Mark Marieb, Philip McCarthy, Mary McKinney, Gloria Meade, Nancy Methot, Paul Mowrer, Lynn Orsatti.

Also, Lorene Peltier, Steve Pessio, Tammy Roderick, William Rudderforth, Kim Salveson, Peter Schott, Barbara Spark, Al Sweet, Mark Talbot, Danny Westman, Mike Windoloski, Robert Whitehead, Robert Whittle, Sue Wright and Mark Young.

If you can help locate any of these classmates, please call Cindi Borgatti Beaudry at 786-6147, or Lori Cesan Dahlke at 787-1000.

## Laughing Brook Has Granville Field Trip

Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden, MA is offering a field trip to Blueberry Hill in Granville, MA to watch migrating hawks.

This program, "Hawkwatching at Blueberry Hill," is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A red rocky ledge top amid a wild blueberry field, Blueberry Hill offers a clear view in every direction making it an especially good place to watch migrating hawks and monarch butterflies.

Mid-September is the peak of broadwing hawk migration and it's not unusual to see hundreds of these soaring butes on a good migration day.

Participants will also look for peregrines, merlins, ospreys, sharp-skinned hawks, northern harriers and kestrels, and record the data for the Hawk Migration Association of North America.

Fees, \$12 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$15 for non-members. Pre-registration is required; directions will be sent after registration.

For more information on this program or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call 413-566-8034.

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## Spotlight On Business

### The Big E Again Has Facelift For 1992 Exposition

The buildings and grounds that comprise Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield are undergoing close to one-million dollars in capital improvements, according to Exposition President and CEO Wayne McCary.

"The continuous upgrading of our facility maintains the Exposition as a premier venue for our more than 100 year-round events and a fitting showcase for The Big E," said McCary.

The resources of Eastern States Exposition are annually invested back into its 175-acre facility in order to keep it accessible, comfortable, and aesthetically pleasing for local townspeople, year-round show attendees, and the close to one-million people who attend The Big E.

Revenue also reverts to the local economy when the Exposition purchases supplies and services from area businesses.

In order to maintain, improve, and provide a safe year-round facility, the Exposition depends on the services of the Town of West Springfield. In 1991, the Exposition paid \$167,523 for West Springfield police and fire services, and \$20,897 for licenses, fees, and inspectors' services.

In addition, over \$221,000 was paid to the town in taxes.

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Major improvements for 1992 include the following:

- \* The final phase of the Exposition's 10-year Memorial Avenue beautification project, encompassing over 1,000 linear feet from the Storowton Gate to the Brooks Building driveway, is close to completion.

- New ornate, wrought-iron fencing complements the planting of 13 sizable trees, including six flowering Lavalie Hawthorn trees along the tree belt, and seven Norway Maple shade trees inside the fence.

- The upkeep of the tree belt along the Avenue has been facilitated by a new sprinkler system. Other improvements include wide, handicapped-accessible sidewalks and new curbing.

- Numerous tree and flower plantings and the addition of new planters—part of ongoing landscaping—have enhanced the lush beauty of the fairgrounds.

SEE THE BIG E - from Page 28...

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### Lions Club Chief Chefs For Chamber Outing



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB were the chief chefs for the Annual Outing of the Agawam/West Springfield Chambers of Commerce at the Elks Pavilion. From left - Donald Sorel, Mike Alvaro, George Collins, Paul Fieldstad, Roger Jones (club president), Joe DePalo, Norm Iacolo, and James Loomis. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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*Formerly a soloist, teacher and ballet mistress with the Berkshire ballet, Mrs. Haskins has trained at the Juilliard School and Jacob's Pillow. Faculty member Lisa Baldyga is a 1988 Graduate of Juilliard.*



## Spotlight On Business - continued...

### THE BIG E - from Page 27...

The colorful blooms of more than 19,000 annuals including marigolds, pansies, petunias, geraniums, zinnias, and more, can be admired throughout the grounds. An example of this handiwork is a new landmark in The Big E Flag Plaza: red begonias planted in the shape of an "E."

\* New chain-link fencing, spanning from Gate 7 to Gate 8, has been erected.

\* The concrete floor in the 123,000 square foot Better Living Center is being upgraded. The Better Living Center has also received a new fire alarm pull station that is on a direct line to the West Springfield Fire Department.

\* Materials and paint colors used for improvements at Storowton Village Museum (the Exposition's authentic, living monument to the 19th century) are in keeping with the look of the time period.

The new color of the Phillips House is one of many variations of red paint used in New England during the 18th and 19th centuries. The new Prussian blue exterior of the Eddy Law Office is as stylish today as when it was first introduced to Early American New England.

The Gazebo and the Phillips House have received new wood shingle roofs, and the barns and sheds have received fiberglass roofing. The floors of the Meeting House have been refinished, and at the Gilbert Farmstead, the flue in the fireplace has been modified.

At Storowton Tavern, the ceiling in the dining area has been replastered and the basement has been electrically upgraded.

\* In order to meet the increased energy needs of vendors during The Big E, more circuit panels have been added throughout the fairgrounds to electrically upgrade the facility.

Electrical upgrading, along with the addition of water and sewage hook-ups and traprock gravel between Gate 9A and the Giant Slide, will make it possible for the Hofbrauhaus Alpine Festival (a new attraction for the 1992 Big E) to function as a full-service restaurant during the Fair.

\* Increased signage can be noted on the grounds and along routes used to come to the Fair.

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\* During The Big E, thousands of 4H and FFA members participate in agricultural shows and competitions during The Big E. To comfortably accommodate youths who stay overnight on the grounds during the Fair, there will be 30 new sets of bunk beds in the Moses Building dormitory.

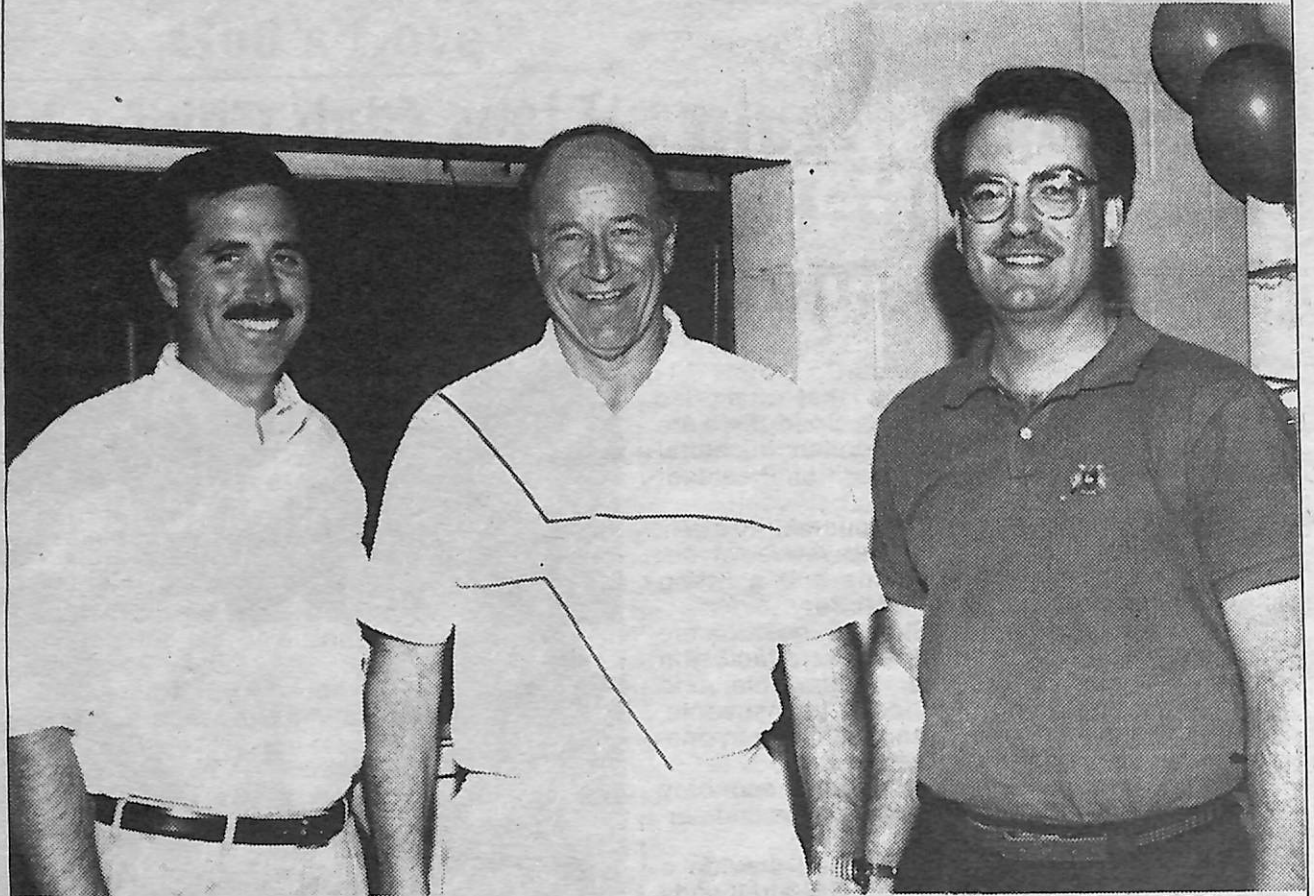
\* It will be smooth-going with the new paving that has been added to smooth out the walks and drives throughout the grounds.

\* The auditorium in the Hampden County Improvement League building and the interior of Mallary Arena received new paint jobs.

\* The ceiling in the main horse barn is being repainted.

\* Improvements have been made to ensure the comfort of animals that are entered for show and competition during The Big E. Windows in the New Agricultural Complex have received a

## Chamber Of Commerce Gather For Outing



STATE REP. MICHAEL P. WALSH (left), businessman Andrew Campbell, and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson were among the Agawam contingent that attended the Annual Outing of the Agawam and West Springfield Chambers of Commerce at the West Side/Agawam Elks Pavilion. RELATED PHOTO ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

sunscreen tinting to reduce the temperature in the building.

In the Milking Parlor, located in the Young Building, new matting has been laid down for the dairy cattle.

\* In keeping with President McCary's goal of making The Big E the "Disney of the fair industry" (which entails embracing standards of excellence in relation to cleanliness and comfort), the Exposition is continually striving to present a clean, inviting environment for Big E fairgoers to enjoy.

\* During The Big E, there will be 250 picnic tables with umbrellas placed in the food court areas, as well as 900 park benches and 700 trash receptacles placed throughout the grounds (a 10% increase over last year).

In addition to The Big E, which will take place this year from September 16th through 27th, 1992, more than 100 shows and events benefit from the Exposition's continued upgrading, including the ACC Craft Fair, industrial trade shows, home shows, car shows, antique shows, numerous horse shows, and more.

## Manage Accountants To Meet Sept. 9th

The Springfield Chapter of the IMA (Institute of Management Accountants) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 9th, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Storowton Tavern & Carriage House, Eastern States Grounds (1305 Memorial Avenue), West Springfield.

The speaker will be Edward "Zeb" Hastings, Senior Vice-President of Commercial Lending for Shawmut Bank. His topic will be "Commercial Lending in Western Massachusetts."

The cost to attend this event is \$10, students; \$13, ELA; and \$15, members. Guests are welcome. Contact Peter Hanson at (413) 786-2355 for reservations.

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**Homeowner's Insurance**

As a mortgage officer during this period of heavy refinancing, I've had the opportunity to look at the homeowner's insurance policies of many of my clients ... and in quite a few cases, I have found that families did not understand the basics involved in this important area.

Thus, I thought that I would touch base on how this insurance can provide financial protection for your home, its contents, and your personal liability to others. After all, your home is your castle ... and probably your largest personal investment ... it's important that you understand home insurance basics.

Last week in this column, we discussed Establishing a Value to your House ... Taking an Inventory ... Types of Policies ... and Establishing Coverage. This week, we will review the other important areas of concern.

**LIABILITY TO OTHERS**

The liability part of a homeowner's policy applies at home or elsewhere to legal obligations resulting from injuries or damages caused by you, a member of your family, or even a pet. It includes the cost of defending you if you are sued.

This coverage does not apply to liability resulting from the use of an automobile, which must be covered separately by an auto insurance policy. It does apply, however, to your liability as an owner of a small boat.

**ADDITIONAL LIVING EXPENSES**

Your homeowner's insurance will pay for any increase in living expenses when you cannot live in your home because of damage caused by any of the kinds of losses covered by your policy. For example, if your home is badly damaged by fire, you may have to live in a hotel and eat in restaurants while it is being repaired.

Your insurance company will reimburse you, up to the limits stated in your policy, for the difference between these expenses and your normal living expenses.

**SHOPPING FOR INSURANCE**

Once you have determined what it would cost to replace or rebuild your home and know something about the kinds of coverages available, you are ready to shop for the best insurance value.

SEE RAYMOND ROSE - Page 30...

**Real Estate Math** - by Barry Boccasile, Manager/Molta Real Estate

Home prices in Western Massachusetts have come down substantially since the 1987/1988 peak. This factor alone enables today's home buyer to purchase more house for their dollar.

Interest rates are at a 20-year low point right now. This factor enables home buyers to borrow more mortgage money with a lower monthly payment than in the past.

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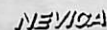
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## Spotlight On Business - continued...



## Financial Planning

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### Consider The Source When Looking At Ratings

Consumers worried about the safety of their insurance investments are increasingly turning to rating agencies for help. Rating agencies used to evaluate securities and investment and credit risk of companies, but now have branched out into rating insurance carriers.

Some companies, such as A.M. Best, have been rating insurance companies for 15 years. Others, such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Weiss, have started rating insurers only in the past couple of years.

Obtaining the rating or ratings of an insurance company is important, but should be only the first step in determining the safety of a company. Others include looking at the profitability of a company, its junk bond and real estate investments, its overall percentage of risky and illiquid investments, and its net yield on assets.

Remember that ratings are like a report card, and letter grades differ slightly among rating agencies. Example: The top rating from A.M. Best is A-plus, followed by A, A-minus, B-plus, and so on.

Weiss uses a letter grading system. Duff & Phelps' ratings start at AAA and go to AA, A, BBB, and on down. Standard & Poor's and Moody's also have some variation. It starts at Aaa, Aa1, Aa2, Aa3, BBB, and so on.

Ratings can usually be obtained by calling the insurance company directly. Consumer magazines and newspapers sometimes publish the ratings of the major life insurance companies.

Local libraries probably have magazine articles on a specific company or companies, and ratings may be mentioned in those. If all else fails, consumers can try calling the rating agencies themselves.

Opinions on the most reliable rating agency differ, but many financial experts still recommend the top rating from Best, as well as a top rating from Duff & Phelps, Moody's, or Standard & Poor's.

Those agencies take an indepth look at a company's assets/asset quality, liabilities, management style, experience and structure, distribution systems, asset/liability management, and a host of other numbers. Rating agency representatives also meet face to face with company officials.

Once consumers obtain ratings for a company or companies, they should monitor them to make sure those ratings don't change as the result of some financial difficulties. Ratings are sometimes downgraded if a company has trouble with some of its investments.

Changes in ratings are often reported in the media, but consumers can check the same sources they contacted to get the initial rating.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office, 567-1772.

### RAY ROSE - from Page 29...

\* Ask friends or relatives to recommend insurance agents or companies from whom they have had good service ... or check the yellow pages of your telephone book for insurance representatives in your community.

\* Phone or visit several insurance representatives. Take along your household inventory and photographs. Discuss any concern you have about special coverage for furs, jewelry, antiques, or other valuables. The representatives will recommend coverages to suit your needs. Ask questions about anything you do not understand.

\* Consider the largest deductible you can afford ... that is the amount of any loss that you agree to pay. The higher the deductible, the lower the premium.

\* Compare costs and coverages ... remember to consider the service reputation of the insurance representative or company, as well.

\* Choose the policy that is right for you.

#### GETTING THE BEST VALUE

Your responsibility as an insurance consumer goes beyond deciding which policy to buy. To get the best value for your insurance dollar ...

\* Read your policy so you will know exactly what it covers and what to do if you have a loss.

\* Inform your insurance representative of additions to your house and major purchases so that your insurance coverage can be kept up-to-date.

\* Report all claims promptly and accurately. If you have questions about your policy, your coverages or a claim, do not hesitate to ask your insurance representative.

#### RECAP

As you can see, there's quite a bit to intelligently determining your insurance needs. Why not

make it a goal to save this column for future reference and review your insurance coverage on a regular basis.

Best wishes for success!

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## Area Accountants To Meet Sept. 14th

The Springfield and Hartford Chapters of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) will conduct a 12-week joint study and review course for those IMA members wanting to prepare for the semi-annual CMA test.

IMA members who choose either all four parts (Economics and Behavioral Issues, Financial Accounting and Reporting, Management Reporting and Analysis or Decision Analysis and Information Systems) or just one, will find the OC3 Inc. video course by Earl K. Littrell very beneficial.

The fee for each section, which includes

workbooks, is \$75.

The program will be held at ABB Combustion Engineering in Windsor Locks, CT each Monday at 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. from September 14th through November 30th, 1992.

Contact Lee Rogers at (413) 739-5631, ext. 270, or Chris West at (203) 277-5497 for information or registration details.

Early registration is imperative so that ample course workbooks and that print security visitor badges are available.

## Many Jobs Available For Locals When Big E Opens In Mid-September

Staging the largest fair in New England and one of the largest fairs in the United States will require the hiring of close to 3,300 area residents, making The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," the largest employer of temporary help in the Western Massachusetts area.

The 71st edition of The Big E will take place September 16th-27th, on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

According to Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary, approximately 500-600 people will be hired by Exposition officials directly to work as office, parking, maintenance and crowd control personnel. Big E concessionaires and exhibitors will hire 1,500 additional people.

Prospective employees must be at least 16 years of age to work at The Big E. Applications are currently being accepted at D.E.T.'s Springfield office at 1592 Main Street weekdays, from 8:30

a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

From September 8th-27th, applications will also be accepted at a special employment trailer at its new location on the Exposition grounds inside Gate 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Turn at the "Expo Parking" sign onto Circuit Avenue from Memorial Avenue.

For more information on applying for Big E employment, contact Joyce Cunningham at D.E.T.'s Springfield office or call her at (413) 785-5252.

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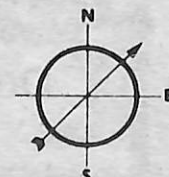
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## For Your Health

### Marilyn Taylor Named To Chair Bike-A-Thon In Town For St. Jude's

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced recently that Marilyn Taylor has agreed to be the Coordinator of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-A-Thon in Agawam on October 4th.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas. The institution opened its doors to the public in 1962 to combat catastrophic diseases which afflict our children.

St. Jude Hospital is non-sectarian, non-discriminatory, and covers all costs of care beyond those reimbursed by insurance.

At St. Jude, scientists and physicians are working side-by-side seeking not only a better means of treatment, but also the causes, cures, and prevention of these terrible killers.

All findings and information gained at the Hospital are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world. Thanks to St. Jude Hospital, children who have leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, sickle-cell anemia, and other child-killing diseases now have a better chance to live.

The Bike-A-Thon program this year is dedicated to Ryan Martin, a six year-old Wilms' tumor patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Ryan was diagnosed in June, 1986.

He had not shown any signs of illness, but when his mother took him to the doctor for his six-month check-up, the examination revealed an enlarged kidney. Further examinations disclosed his tumor.

The kidney was removed, and Ryan had six months of chemotherapy at St. Jude Hospital. Today, Ryan is cancer free and will return to St. Jude Hospital only once a year for a check-up.

Ryan is a living example of the successful research, patient care, and educational programs made possible by the Bike-A-Thon campaign at this internationally recognized Hospital.

In Massachusetts, two children and their families have gone to St. Jude Hospital and received total medical care for catastrophic illness. Thousands of others have benefitted from the research findings that have developed better and more successful treatment methods.

St. Jude Hospital appreciates the concern that Marilyn Taylor has for their work to help children like Ryan, and they hope the citizens of Agawam will support the Bike-A-Thon on October 4th to help provide the funds needed to preserve the world's greatest asset ... "our children."

### "Power Of Laughter" Seminar On Sept. 10th

The seminar "The Real Power of Laughter, Humor, and Daily Positive Attitude" will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10th. The presenter is Dr. Steve Sobel, nationally recognized motivational speaker and author.

The cost of the seminar is \$19 per person; for every three that attend, a fourth goes free. The seminar will cover how to see the positive and "light side of life," how to deal with negative people, and how to truly develop an attitude that helps you thrive instead of survive.

Sobel will also discuss the therapeutic value of laughter, as he has written about in many publications. Pre-registration is highly suggested by calling 785-1259 for a full seminar description/registration form. Contact hours will be awarded as well.

### Ann Favreau To Serve As OAGS President

Ann Favreau of Feeding Hills will serve her second term as President of the Ostomy Association of Greater Springfield (OAGS). OAGS is a voluntary health organization dedicated to assisting people who have had or will have intestinal or urinary tract diversions.

This support group will hold its first meeting of the year on September 13th at 2:30 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm Street, West Springfield.

Ann recently returned from the United Ostomy Association national conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she attended sessions to help provide educational, psychological, and advocacy services to local members and their families.

For further information, call 783-8333 or 1-800-826-0826.

### Dr. Franklin Carrington Of Ag. Med. Center Completes Major Seminar At Baylor U.

Dr. Franklyn H. Carrington, Medical Director of Agawam Medical Center, completed a major seminar in June for Baylor University.

He is the only speaker in this Coronary Heart Disease program from our area. But, this is only the latest in the never ending efforts by Dr. Carrington in the field of Preventive Medicine and Risk Factor Reduction.

His work, geared to preventing and identifying cardiovascular health problems, spans a generation. He has treated thousands of people with lipid/cholesterol disorders and cardiac problems. Using diet and medication treatment, Dr. Carrington has achieved unusual success for his patients.

All this has drawn wide attention and resulted in his significant participation in educational programs. Last year alone, Dr. Carrington's credits included:

The Parke-Davis National Seminar on "Lower-

ing Cholesterol" held at Houston, Texas in March of 1991; Workshop Sessions conducted for over 100 other physicians in the field at Syracuse and Saratoga, N.Y. in the fall; Key Speaker at the area seminar on "Lipid/Cholesterol Control" run by the Merke-Sharpe & Doame Corporation; participation in the Baystate Medical Center's Coronary Heart Disease Program; as well as a Lipid Clinic Preceptorship with Dr. Sidney Alexander, Chief of Cardiology at the Lahey Clinic in December.

Dr. Carrington's successful Smoking Cessation Clinic and Lipid/Cholesterol Control Clinic are available to the entire community at Agawam Medical Center.

People are urged to call now to reserve a place in these supportive results oriented programs and begin immediately to reduce the risk of heart attack.

Call 789-1049 for the convenient meeting times of these programs.

### "Heart Smart" Dinner At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital will offer a special "Heart Smart Dinner" on Wednesday, September 16th.

The class will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the hospital auditorium and includes dinner and a lecture. Dinner will be served promptly at 5:00 p.m.

Carmela Kirk, R.N. and Registered Dietician Sarah Ellis will lecture about general wellness and why the chosen menu is heart healthy. The menu includes hearty tortellini soup, chicken piccata, broiled tomatoes, Sunday beans, popovers and Caribbean peach crisp. Coffee and tea will also be served.

The program is offered by Noble Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation and Dietary Departments. It is designed to help individuals reduce fat and cholesterol levels.

The program is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is necessary and payment must be received by September 9th. Checks may be made out and mailed to Noble Hospital, Carmela Kirk, R.N., 115 W. Silver Street, Westfield, MA 01086.

For further information or to register, call Carmela Kirk, R.N. at 568-2811, ext 229.

### Maintaining Weight At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital will offer a 10-week community education program on losing and maintaining weight.

The course begins on Monday, September 14th and continues every consecutive Monday evening for 10 weeks. The program will be held in the Education Center at Noble Hospital.

The course is offered from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The course offers a nutritionally and medically sound means of losing and maintaining weight and has been taught at Noble for the past six years. The program focuses on limiting food intake without deprivation and developing lifelong healthy eating habits.

The course is compatible with medical conditions such as heart disease and diabetes. Individual needs and preferences of each participant are considered in order to personalize the weight loss program.

Joseph Barako, R.N., Director of Education at Noble Hospital, will instruct the course. The course fee is \$100.

Details of the course are covered in the first session. Pre-registration is not necessary.

For more information, contact the Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 529.

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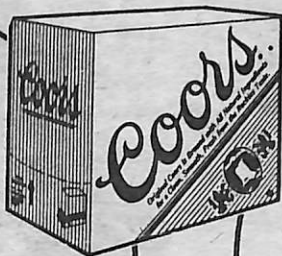


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# Arts

## This Week At The MOVIES...

by Christine Plesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

### —Rapid Fire

Brandon Lee, son of the late Bruce Lee, comes out kicking in his newest film, *Rapid Fire*, and the action never stops.

He's a newcomer to America who watched his father die in the recent political uprisings in China. In the USA, however, he encounters warfare of another kind: the drug war, which makes its presence known in bold and bloody fashion during a political fundraiser to support a "Free China" movement.

Lee, who looks as good if not better than his dad, is the only witness to the fact that drug lords did the killing, and the FBI wants him to testify to that fact.

The only trouble is, even the good guys turn out to be bad—until rogue cop Powers Boothe arrives on the scene with a five o'clock shadow and a 10-year vendetta to settle with some of the same players.

As cop after cop turns out to be a hitman, Lee finds himself reluctantly joining forces with the streetwise undercover cop and the bloodbath really begins.

The action is spectacular and choreographed with 'rapid fire' speed, hence the name. But it is one violent picture, and the body count requires a calculator.

Of its kind, *Rapid Fire* is not bad, but be wary ... it's definitely not for kids.

### —Mo' Money

A step ahead of the cops and two months behind in the rent, Johnny (Damon Wayans) and baby brother Seymour (Marlon Wayans) are looking for short cuts to big money in *Mo' Money*.

But love and ambition make an honest (relatively speaking) man out of Johnny, and he woos and hopes to win the hand of his fair lady Amber (Stacey Dash), an executive with a credit card



DAMON WAYANS (right) and Marlon Wayans star in "*Mo' Money*," now playing at the Showcase Cinemas in West Side.

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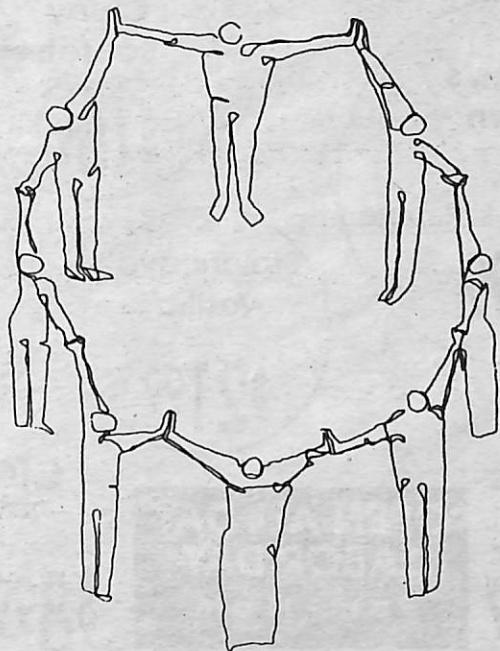
As an action, comedy, and romance package, *Mo' Money* surprisingly delivers on all counts, and it does it with charm, style, panache, and far less rap than most viewers expected.

It's a story with a beginning, middle, and end, and it never takes itself so seriously that it loses its sense of humor.

Director Peter MacDonald perfectly times his action to get the most out of a fine ensemble of performers, catching the right nuances in every scene.

*Mo' Money* is not the stuff that garners Oscars, but it is the stuff whimsical summer movies are made of. And this is what's left of summer. Enjoy!

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# Many Special Days Will Highlight 1992's Big E

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**\* Discount Days, September 16th and 17th:** Discount Days certainly live up to their name, offering a variety of savings for fairgoers. During the first two days of the Fair, admission is only \$6, and kids of all ages can "ride all the rides" on the Magic Midway for only \$9. On all other days, Magic Midway ride coupons can be purchased in the Midway area.

**\* West Springfield Day, September 16th:** The town of West Springfield has been home to the memory-making magic of "New England's Great State Fair" for over 70 years. The Big E will pay homage to its hometown by holding a luncheon for West Springfield dignitaries and providing West Springfield schoolchildren with free afterschool admission.

**\* Agawam Day, September 17th:** The Big E shines the spotlight on its next-door neighbor, Agawam, by featuring something special in The Big E Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m., and providing Agawam schoolchildren with free afterschool admission.

**\* New England State Days:** Every day of The Big E, fairgoers can tour the magnificent state buildings on the Avenue of States and learn about the natural resources, agriculture, commerce, and industry of the New England states.

On their respective state days, each state will display what truly makes it special by presenting entertainment and other activities on the front lawn of the building, and a marching band in The Big E Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m.

The New England state days will take place as follows: **Connecticut Day, September 18th; Vermont Day, September 20th; Rhode Island Day, September 22nd; Massachusetts Day, September 24th; New Hampshire Day, September 25th; and Maine Day, September 26th.**

**\* 4-H and FFA Day, September 19th:** The Big E salutes the 20,000 4-H and FFA youths who foster agriculture and education by participating in agriculture and livestock competitions during the Fair. Highlights of the day include special contests, judging competitions, and other activities.

**\* Springfield Day, September 21st:** The Big E will open its gates to all the schoolchildren of the "City of Firsts" by providing them with free afterschool admission on Springfield Day. There will also be a luncheon for Springfield dignitaries and a special float focusing on Springfield in The Big E Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m.

**\* Shriners' Day, September 23rd:** The Big E continues to honor its longstanding relationship with this prominent organization. Look for a colorful Shriners' Parade at 4:30 p.m.

**\* New England Governors' Day, September 25th:** The governors of the six New England states will converge on The Big E grounds for a conference that will be followed by a luncheon and a tour of the Avenue of States.

**\* Trustees' Day, September 26th:** The trustees of the Eastern States Exposition will gather from throughout New England for the annual Board of Trustees' meeting.

**\* Grange Day, September 27th:** Built on the Avenue of States in 1938 through the consorted efforts of the six New England states, the Grange Building will present special entertainment on the front lawn and float in The Big E Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m.

The 12 "special days" of The Big E will exhilarate and entertain close to one-million people in West Springfield from September 16th through 27th.

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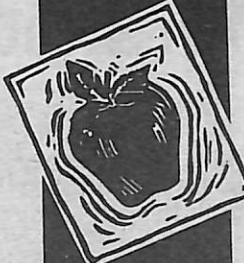
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The whole house is mine, every cranny and nook,  
You'll find my toys, wherever you look;*

*My mom crochets "blankies," warm and bright,  
To keep me all snug on a wintery night;  
The game we play, I love best of all,  
Is when she throws, and I eagerly catch the ball;*

*I always sleep on my master's bed,  
I even have a pillow to nestle my head;  
Several of my own special dishes hold,  
Refreshing water, pristine and cold;*

*I'm petted and fondled, with uttermost caring,  
And with love and respect, I'm a part of all sharing;  
I have so many toys in all rooms of my home,  
Beach balls, tennis balls, and my favorite bone;*

*My nice big yard has a fence all around,  
Where I can run and kick up the ground;  
When I go out in my yard to play,  
I love to watch the birds fly away;*

*I'm really so happy, words can't convey,  
How very contented I am every day;  
I love my food, my bones, and my treats,  
I even love raw carrots, peaches, and beets;*

*They say that vegetables and fruits are rare,  
For a dog to include on her "bill of fare";  
Well, I insist on my carrot every single day,  
On the dot of three, when I come in from play;*

*I love my peaches at the end of my meal,  
When they're washed and sliced, and void of peel;  
I'm sixteen, but act like a pup of two,  
And constantly peppy in all that I do;*

*I give my parents a rigorous chase,  
Sometimes, even they can't keep the pace;  
There are so many moments of copious joy,  
From bounteous love, to thoughtful new toy.*

#### PARENT'S NOTE:

*I wanted to tell you how highly revered,  
And deep in our hearts, forever endeared,  
Is this precious dog, our very best friend,  
We will love, and cherish, and respect til the end.*

Agnes R. Neylon Smith



AN AERIAL shot of the Blandford Fair, to be held on Labor Day Weekend in the hilltown of Blandford.

## Blandford Fair Opening Sept. 4th For Labor Day Weekend Of Family Activities

With fireworks, carnival rides and games, free stage shows, oxen, horse and pony pulling contests, food, crafts, truck pulls, and livestock exhibits, the Blandford Fair has expanded well beyond the early agricultural fairs of a century ago.

The 125th fair will be held over Labor Day weekend (September 4th through 7th) on the 10-acre grounds of the Union Agricultural Society's property in Blandford on North Street, and boasts a variety of family-oriented activities, exhibits, displays, and special attractions ... all of which are free once inside the fair gates.

The admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and children (12 years of age and younger) are admitted free of charge.

Despite the decline of hill-town farming, the livestock exhibits continue to attract attention. "We try to appeal to farmers at heart," said Fair President, Bruce Wyman.

Many small fair have disappeared, Wyman said,

not only because of the loss in agriculture, but because the state no longer supports the fairs.

The Blandford Fair used to get \$10,000 to \$12,000 from the state. Profits from the fair are used as premium money for prizes, replacing the state loss of funding. More than \$10,000 will be awarded to the winners for the best livestock, crafts, and food submitted for judging.

Year-round planning for the fair is done by a board of directors and a corps of 75 to 100 volunteers who do everything from monitoring the exhibit buildings, working with the animals, and providing information to fairgoers, to doing all kinds of maintenance, serving meals, and clerical work.

As with most country fairs, the Blandford Fair could not succeed without the generous donation of time from its volunteers. Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of the fun and excitement is encouraged to contact Brenda Blood, Fair Secretary, at (413) 848-2888 and help in the exhibit halls or at the gate.

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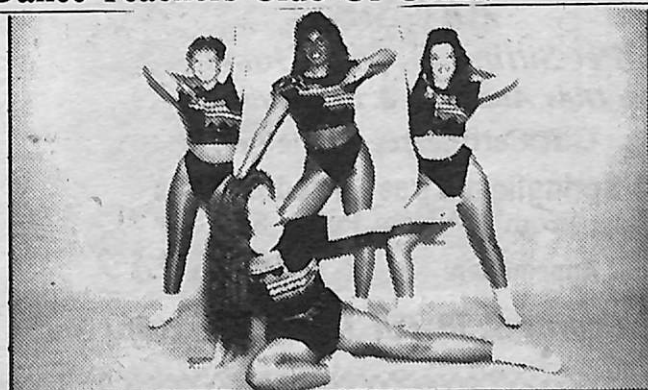
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## Sunday Activities At Laughing Brook

Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Center in Hampden, MA is continuing its series of "Sunday Afternoons on the Sanctuary" through September.

These hour-long family programs, beginning at 2:00 p.m., provide an introduction to an area of natural history and are included in the price of sanctuary admission. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens and children under 16, and free for children under three and Massachusetts Audubon members.

The Education Center and Wildlife Exhibits are open from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

**September 6th, New England Wildlife:** This guided walk will introduce you to the wildlife residents at Laughing Brook with an emphasis on their habits and habitats.

**September 13th, Monarchs:** Explore the fascinating life history of the monarch, perhaps the best known of all butterflies, as they begin their long migration to Mexico.

**September 20th, Hawks:** Fall is the best time to look for these birds of prey as they migrate south to warmer climates. Interesting facts, fascinating lore and a close up look at one of our resident hawks will be featured in this program.

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**Agawam**  
by Edith LaFrancis  
town historian

## Our Complicated History

Agawam's history is much more complicated than most of the towns in Massachusetts, being part of Springfield and then part of West Springfield, separating from West Springfield and becoming a parish and finally a town with a church and school within its own boundaries.

The organization of some of the other towns in Western Massachusetts came about through a different procedure. In the early 1700's, a plan developed for making a series of settlements in the Western New England wilderness as a frontier of defense.

A public auction of this land, owned by the Massachusetts Bay Colony since 1629, was held at the Royal Exchange Tavern in Boston on June 2, 1762. Twenty-nine townships, each six miles square, were sold.

Bona fide real estate agents appeared on the scene for the first time, while others (not so bona fide) wandered from town to town, selling land questionable both as to location and ownership.

Wealthy men at the Boston auction bought land in the hills and forests at a distance far from their homes.

What is now the city of Adams went to Nathan Jones of Weston for 3,200 pounds; Peru and Hinsdale to Elisha Jones for 1,460 pounds; Worthington to Aaron Willard of Lancaster for 1,860; Windsor to Noah Nash for 1,430; Cummington to John Cummings of Concord for 1,800; Savoy to Abel Lawrence for 1,350; Hawley to Moses Parsons of Middletown, Connecticut for 1,875; Lenox and Richmond to Josiah Dean for 2,550; Chester and Murrayfield to William Williams for 1,500; Rowe to Cornelius Jones for 380.

Each purchaser paid 20 pounds in cash and filed a bond for the remainder, the agreement being made in conjunction with from two to six others. Purchase carried with it the obligation to make settlements, to provide a minister and plan for schools.

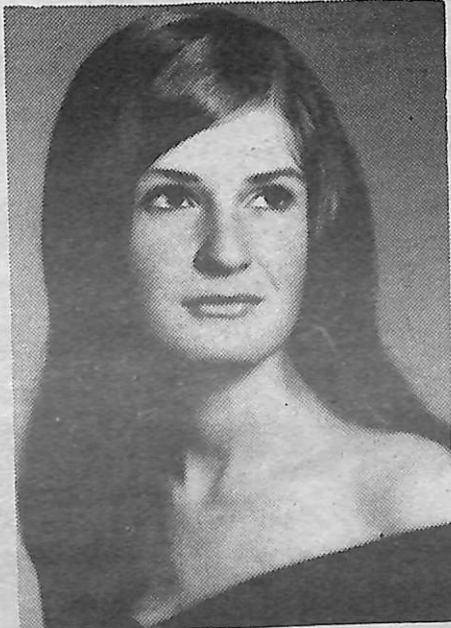
The land, soon sold at a profit, was resold, subdivided and finally came into the hands of individual owners.

At the time of the Boston auction of Townships in 1762, Agawam had already become a thriving community, although still a Precinct of Springfield and District Number 3 of the Springfield school system.

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by Christine Plesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

In 1939, two young girls born just a few years before the horrors of the Holocaust were sent from their native Germany to stay with a Dutch family and await the arrival of their parents.

As Dr. and Mrs. Joost Meerloo of the Hague (a coastal town in Holland) cared for Steffi, 9, and her sister Rita, 3, the girls' parents were playing a cat and mouse game with the Gestapo in the months before the horror, the genocide, began.

For 14 months, they lived in fear, and for nine months the father moved from house to house to barn, sleeping in a different location each night to avoid being detained by the Germans ... suffering the restrictions, the oppression waged against his race.

His objective: to secure emigration papers before being sent to a concentration camp.

When exit visas were finally granted, they boarded a train, leaving Germany just six months before the start of World War II.

As the train approached the border, the Gestapo walked through the train, ordering all curtains drawn. No one was allowed to look out of the train. In a brave but perhaps foolish burst of curiosity, the wife and mother took "just a peek" out the window and was stunned to see tanks, armored vehicles, personnel carriers, munitions trucks, jeeps, and soldiers everywhere, as far as the eye could see ... all facing west, to the border.

Days later, reunited with their children, she recounted the images of war in passing conversation to Dr. Meerloo, who was then serving as Chief of Counter Intelligence for psychological warfare

for the Dutch underground; it was the first the Dutch had heard of the massing war effort, and the information was quickly verified.

This is one of the many stories Agawam actor Robert Kay recalls from his childhood, stories his parents told on more than one occasion.

Kay was born six years after that incident, and after his family has settled in America.

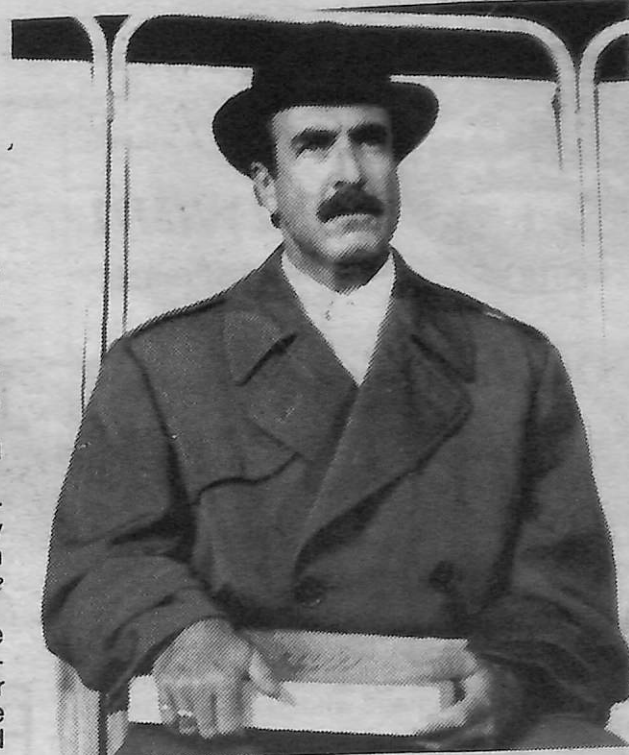
In just a few weeks, he will in a sense be reliving some of those fears and feelings vicariously as he steps into the role of Dussel in the Agawam Repertory Theater production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

*The Diary of Anne Frank* tells the saga of the Frank family, who spent two years hiding in an attic as the Holocaust raged under the Hitler regime. The story is recounted in the pages of the Frank family's younger daughter, 13 year-old daughter Anne.

When director Robert Laviolette cast Kay in the part, he had no idea how closely Kay's family had been to the images revisited via Anne's diary.

Besides his immediate family, only Kay's maternal grandmother and an uncle survived the war. His family later re-encountered Dr. Meerloo, who became a professor at Columbia University in Manhattan.

As Dussel, the dentist who is the communication link between the Frank family and the outside world, Kay can touch a very personal part of his own family history and heritage.



AGAWAM RESIDENT BOB KAY is a member of the cast in the upcoming production of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

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Among them, John Barber, William Macintyre, Rufus Leonard, Joseph Flower, and John White are Feeding Hills names.

Timothy Cooper, Samuel Merrick, John Stevenson, Jonathon Worthington, and David Kent were in the eastern half of town. The three Bedortha brothers settled on Elm Street.

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The Agawam Repertory Theater will present the stirring family drama "The Diary of Anne Frank" on September 17th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th, and 27th at the Red Door Theater at the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills.

The theater is located at 152 South Westfield Street. Curtain is 8:00 p.m. with a matinee only performance Sunday the 27th at 2:00 p.m.

"The Diary of Anne Frank" is the story of a Jewish family in hiding from the Nazis during World War II. This timeless drama, told through the words of a young girl, has become a classic in contemporary theater.

Annette Fournier of Westfield plays Anne. Laura Lezon-Scantlen of Agawam plays Anne's mother while Alan McPherson portrays Anne's father.

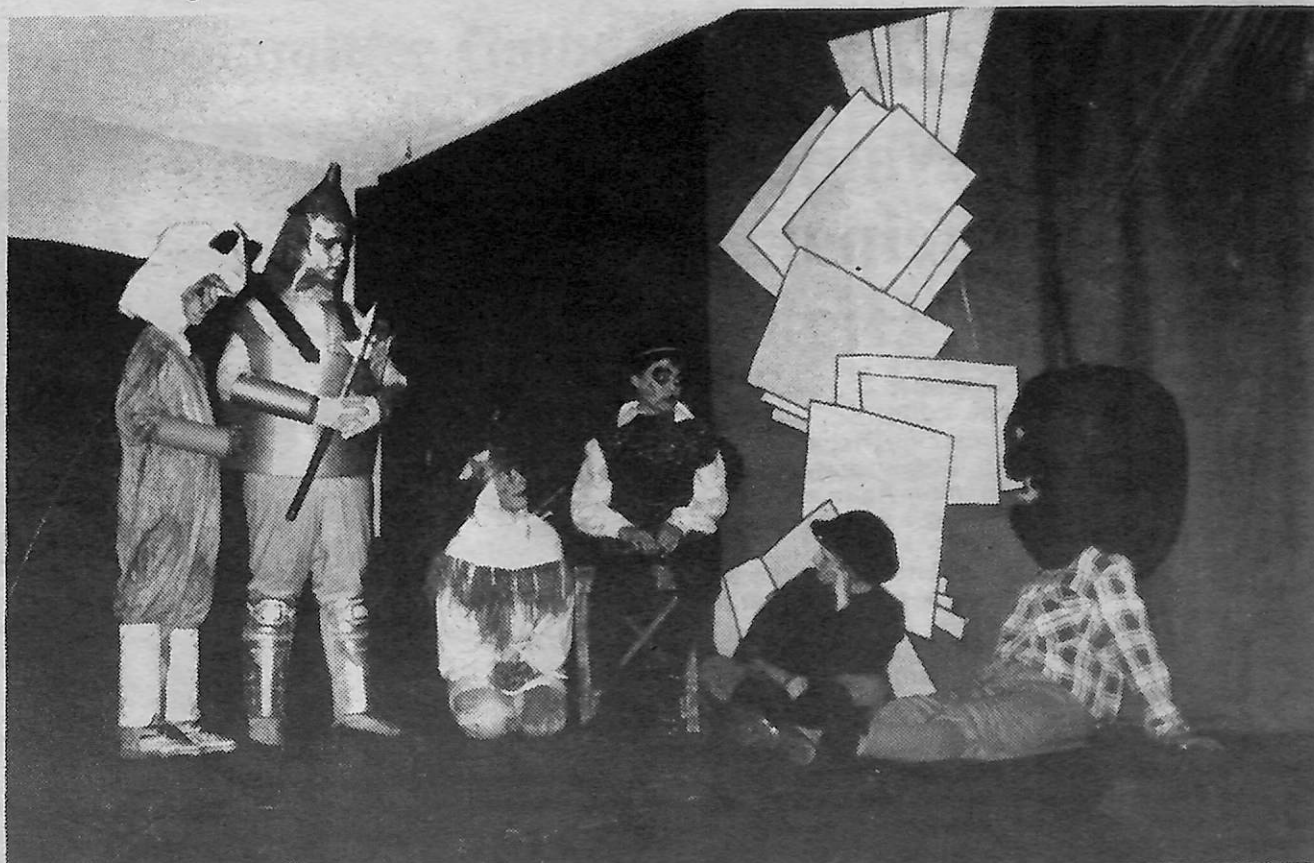
Adding to the significance of this presentation is the connection that one of the cast members has to this historical drama. Agawam resident Bob Kay's parents and sisters, like the Franks, hid from the Nazis in Europe. They, however, escaped the Holocaust.

The Diary of Anne Frank is directed by Bob Laviolette, winner of the 1992 Best Director Award at the Community Theater Drama Festival for the play, *Sister Mary Ignatius*.

For information, call 786-5031.



ANNETTE FOURNIER as Anne Frank with Rob Settembro in a scene from ART's "The Diary of Anne Frank."



STAGE STUDENTS ended the summer children's theatre series with their production of "Tip Of Oz" at the Red Door Theatre.

## Youth Theatre Group To Stage "Tip Of Oz"

The curtain closed on STAGE's Summer Children's Theatre Series with an original adaptation of Frank Baum's "Tip of Oz." Though the cast of 36 young people were given an enthusiastic round of applause for their final production, the season continues with a fall theatre camp slated to begin September 15th. Registrations are now being taken for this popular theatre experience geared for young people seven to 15 years of age.

This camp will be conducted on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and will culminate in a full-scale, professionally produced production on October 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

Co-directors Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora produce their theatre camps at The Red Door

Theatre on the campus of the Valley Community Church Performing Arts Center on 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The show to be produced is an original play entitled "The House of Shadows," written by Pearsons. It relates the story of two young people forced to labor in an eerie workhouse where children (under the watchful eye of a mysterious Dr. Changeling) disappear one by one.

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## Education

### Costanzi Named Asst. Principal At Junior High

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Faculty member Marco Costanzi was unanimously appointed as the new Agawam Junior High assistant principal during a School Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 25th.

Costanzi will replace Kevin Littlefield, who was appointed Junior High principal to replace retired Acting Principal John Ferraro.

Littlefield attended the August 25th School Committee meeting to give board members input regarding Costanzi, who has taught for 16 years.

Littlefield said, "Having observed (Costanzi) as a teacher, I would say he has done a fine job working with youngsters. He has handled some very difficult situations during cafeteria duty with 300 youngsters. He is forceful without having to be heavy-handed."

Superintendent James Bruno described the selection process to the six board members present. School Committee member Roberta Doering was not in attendance.

Bruno said, "The first step was for Kevin Littlefield to interview each of the three candidates. Next, Donald Charest (Associate Superintendent) and Kathleen McSweeney (Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics) interviewed each candidate. Finally, I interviewed each candidate."

Costanzi vied for the position along with Junior High teacher Margaret Shinkle and Agawam High School teacher Joseph Zabielski. Costanzi was the top candidate in all three steps of the selection process because he had a master's degree plus 15 and "15-plus years' experience working with junior high-aged students," according to Bruno.

"He did a 16-week administrative internship at the Junior High School and has done volunteer work in the school," said Bruno.

#### Costanzi's Educational Experience

Costanzi taught at the Agawam Middle School prior to coming to the Junior High School to teach science five years ago. He has taught geography for the past two years, and has been involved in the voluntary recycling program with his students.



**NEW JUNIOR HIGH ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL** Marco Costanzi is congratulated by Principal Kevin Littlefield on the first day of school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

He also coordinated a public person coming in to his classroom on a weekly basis working with the volunteer program Project Business.

Littlefield added, "He has attended in-service (professional development) programs that he was not required to attend."

During a discussion of Bruno's recommendation, School Committee member Teresa Kozloski said Costanzi's "was a very poor resume" because there was "not much on his qualifications for the position, and because there were several misspellings" on it.

She asked, "Has he had any experience in writing curriculum which is part of his job under

the assistant principal's description, or does he have any experience in preparing budgets?"

Bruno responded, "He has some curriculum development and limited budget experience," adding, "We have tangible evidence to show what our decision was based on."

Costanzi resides in West Springfield and began teaching in Agawam at the Middle School in 1977. He holds a bachelor's degree from Boston State College, and received his master's from Westfield State College.

Costanzi said he was pleased with the appointment and is looking forward to working with Littlefield as an administrator this year.

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### Cub Pack 75 To Hold Registration Sept. 15th

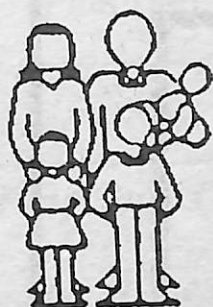
On Tuesday, September 15th, Cub Pack 75 will be holding their School Night registration at Sacred Heart Social Center on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Any boy is welcome to join. It is a simultaneously fun and learning experience, and you will meet other boys from throughout the town. Registration will be held for the following grades:

Grade 1, Tiger Cubs; Grade 2, Wolf; Grade 3, Bear; Grade 4, first-year Webelos.

If you missed the pack's earlier sign-up on August 25th, you can come to this one. And, anyone is still free to join up throughout the year.

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## Administrators, School Committee Gather



**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS** gathered on Monday, August 31st for the swearing-in ceremony for new Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder. From left - James V. Bruno, retiring superintendent; Bernard Ryder, incoming superintendent; Linda Galarneau, Teresa Kozloski, Louise David, Susan Pettazzoni, and Christopher C. Johnson, all School Committee members. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

**Monday, September 7th: LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, September 8th:** Cheese topped pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

**Wednesday, September 9th:** Rotini with meat sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread & butter, pineapple tidbits or jello with topping, milk.

**Thursday, September 10th:** Hamburg on roll, whipped potatoes, sweet peas & carrots, wheat bread & butter, vanilla pudding with topping, milk.

**Friday, September 11th:** 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, 1/2 tuna sandwich, macaroni salad, tossed garden salad with Italian dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the **AGAWAM SCHOOL LUNCH**.)

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**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS** gathered on Monday for a Back To School meeting. Standing, from left - James V. Bruno, retiring superintendent; Bernard Ryder, new superintendent; Donald Charest, associate superintendent; John Morrissey, AHS principal; William Sapelli, Robinson principal; Kevin Littlefield, Jr. High principal; John Brosnan, Special Education director; Robert Farrell, Middle School assistant principal; Smith Rovelli, Clark School principal; Ralph Zavarella, Middle School principal; and Marco Costanzi, Jr. High assistant principal. Front row - Phyllis Lewis, Granger School principal; Renee Jury, administrative assistant; Kathleen McSweeney, athletic director; Gabrielle Charest, AHS assistant principal; and William Miller, Phelps School principal. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT Roger Jones accepts an award from Camp Rainbow Director Nancy O'Keefe at the Annual Awards Night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM UNICO MEMBER Fred Montesi accepts an award from Camp Rainbow Director Nancy O'Keefe and Assistant Director Lara Smith. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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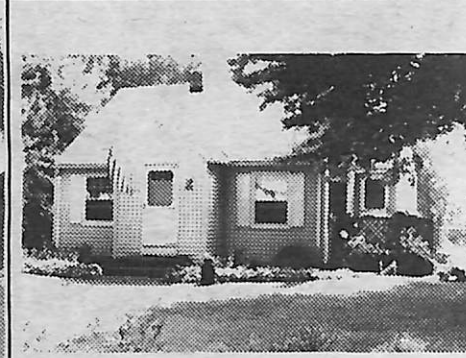
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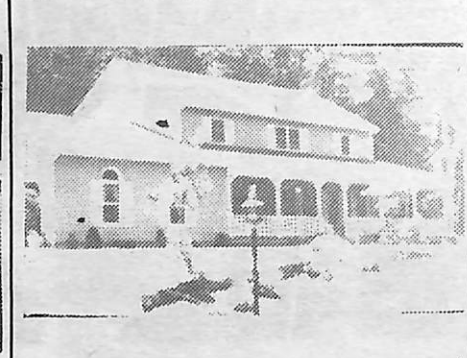
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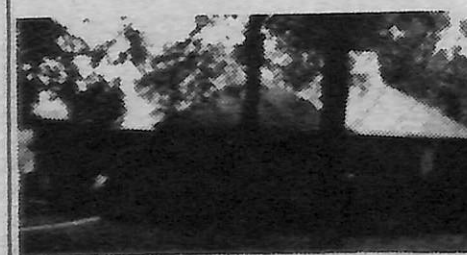
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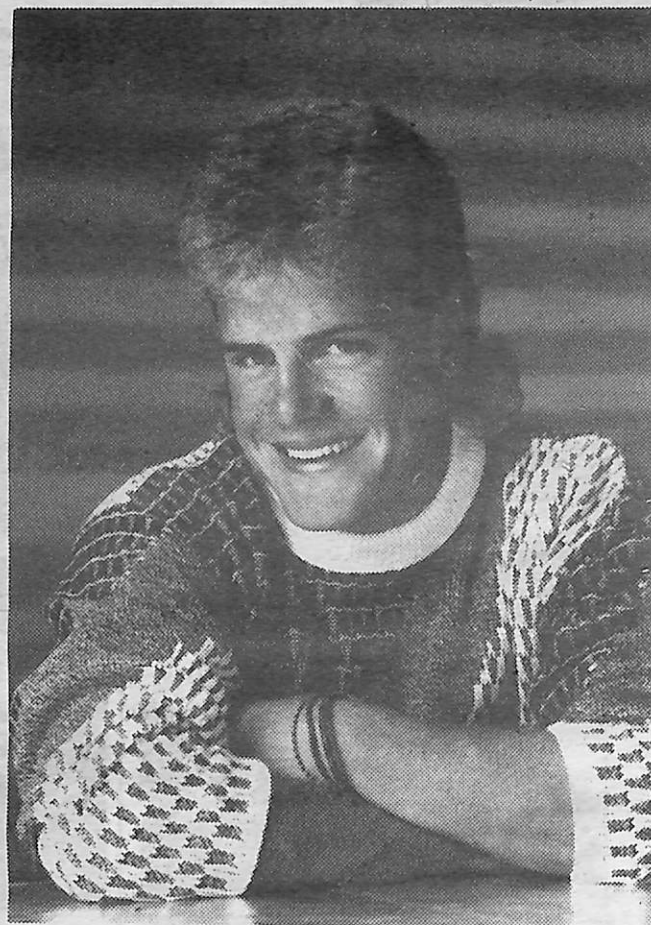
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GETTING READY FOR THE FIRST DAY of school at the organizational meeting of the Agawam Education Association are, from left - Fedela Ann Nuovo, Claudia Hurley, and Pat Bertone-GROSS. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KARL MILLER

## Karl Miller To Study At German University

Karl Miller, of 82 Poinsetta Street, Agawam, has been accepted in a foreign study program. He departs on September 5th for a year of overseas study.

A 1989 grad of the Stratton Mountain School in Vermont, Karl would have begun his junior year at Western New England College in Springfield. He applied and was accepted for a year of study at the University of Salzburg in Austria through the American Institution for Foreign Study program.

He has modified his major from Business Administration to International Business. Karl is no stranger to living with "foreigners." His family has hosted several American Field Service students.

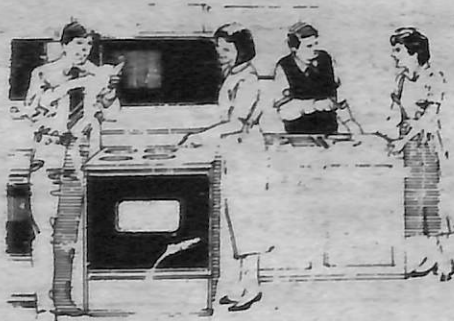
He and his family lived in Germany for three years. When asked why he selected the University of Salzburg from all the available places for his year of foreign study, Karl replied, "It will allow me to improve my skills with the German language and believe it or not, I still enjoy skiing."

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AT TUESDAY'S MEETING OF AGAWAM SCHOOL TEACHERS, Nancy O'Keefe (left), executive secretary Dian Curran, and Sandy O'Keefe chat prior to opening ceremonies on Tuesday at the Agawam Junior High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Fall Programs Offered By Parks Dept.

The Agawam Recreation Department's fall 1992 registration begins on Monday, September 14th, 1992, daily Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please note: No registration will be taken before Monday, September 14th! All programs offered on "first-come, first-served" basis. No phone registrations, as all forms must be signed.

Registration for both youth (must reside in Agawam) and adult programs will be held daily Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Agawam Recreation Office, located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance (look for the signs).

All fees are payable in advance of the program. Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam. There will be NO REFUNDS of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on radio station WMAS, both AM and FM. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office, 786-0400, extension 456.

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## YOUTH RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

### Youth Learn To Swim:

Your child must be able to change his/her own clothes. No females will be allowed in the male locker room, as no males will be allowed in the female locker room. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child can take part.

Session: October 17th to December 19th, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (6 years and up); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years).

Location: Agawam Junior High School pool.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds).

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Swim Staff.

Classes are limited to 25 per class. Enter the pool through the last door on the left-hand side of the school.

### Youth Gymnastics/Open Gym:

This gym program will offer gymnastics as well as other programs such as kickball, etc.

Session: October 17th to December 19th, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (beginners 4 and 5 years); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (beginners 6 and up); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (beginners 4 and up).

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds).

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Department gymnastics staff.

All classes are limited to 30 students per class on a first-come, first-served basis. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child may be able to participate. Sneakers must be worn. Enter the gym through the last door on the left side of the junior high school.

### Agawam Soccer Association:

A total of 65 in-town teams will kick into action beginning on Saturday, September 19th, and Sunday, September 20th, through Thanksgiving. Games will be played at all local fields. Pioneer Valley teams will play at the Junior High and Middle School fields.

The annual "Rich Parolo Jamboree" has been scheduled for Sunday, October 18th. All games will be played at the Agawam High School fields.

Ray Scott (786-9382) will serve as president of the association.

### Bay West Hockey Association:

The Agawam and West Springfield hockey associations have combined. Games will be played at surrounding rinks. Tryouts begin in September. For more information, call Paul Flaherty at 739-2080.

### Agawam Athletic Association:

Basketball sign-ups for the coming season will be held on Saturday, September 12th, at the Agawam High School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This includes sign-ups for 6/7 instructional boys and girls.

An attempt will also be made at this time to start a girls' 11-13 program. Watch *The Agawam Advertiser-News* for any further details, or call the Recreation Office.

Piranhas—a competitive swim team which competes with the best teams in the area. Sign-ups will be held on Saturday, September 12th, at the Agawam High School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Home meets are at the Junior High pool.

For further information on all A.A.A. programs, contact Bob Hersey at 786-2979. For information on the swim team, call Steven Fox at 789-2425.

### Agawam Youth Football:

This is a contact football league. Agawam has two teams—junior division (5th/6th grades) and senior division (7th/8th grades).

Teams from West Springfield, Springfield, Holyoke, Chicopee, Palmer, and other local cities/towns are entered. Games are played home and away.

For further information, call David Page, president of the A.Y.F.A., at 789-0429.

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## 1992 PERRY LANE NURSERY INFORMATION

The Perry Lane Nursery School is still accepting registrations for the fall semester in the Monday/Wednesday/Friday afternoon session.

The nursery school program is designed for children who will have turned 3 or 4 years of age by September 30th, 1992. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare your child for kindergarten.

Session: September 14th, 1992 to May 21st, 1993.

Time: 3 yrs. - Tues./Thurs., 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.; 4 yrs. - Mon./Wed./Fri., 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. (filled); 4 yrs. - Mon./Wed./Fri., 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Perry Lane Park.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

School Fee: 3 yrs. - \$50 pr. month; 4 yrs. - \$65 pr. month.

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## 1992 ADULT RECREATION PROGRAMS

### Women's Low Impact Aerobics/Exercise/Swim:

This program is a low-impact aerobics course designed to stretch and tone. If you wish to swim after the Monday program, it is already included in the cost.

Session: October 19th/21st to December 21st/23rd (10 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Junior High gym "A"; Wednesdays, 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., Robinson Park.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$40 per person (no refunds). If you wish to join for one night, cost is \$25 per person (no refunds).

Instructor: Willie Fortini.

### Women's Volleyball/Swim:

Session: October 19th to December 21st, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym

"B".

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.  
Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).  
Supervisor: Willie Fortini.

### Men's Recreational Volleyball:

This program is informal. It provides exercise, fun and competition. Enter the building through side door, right side of building near cafeteria.  
Session: October 20th to December 22nd, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Middle School.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds). Class limited to 25.

### Men's Basketball League (Over 30):

This basketball league is for any male over 30 years of age. The "over 30" league is organized for both total teams or individuals who would like to be assigned to a team. For further information, contact the league commissioner, Peter Hanson, at 786-2355.

Games will be played every Sunday morning beginning on November 1st, 1992. Although this league is recreational, you will find the exercise you need and the competition you are looking for.

### Self-Defense Program:

This program is open to both males/females from the age of 16 and up. It offers a wide range of holds and moves to defend yourself against surprise abuse attempts. This is a six-week program. No class on Wednesday, November 11th, 1992.

Session: October 14th to November 25th, 1992.

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Middle School.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Staff.

Program Fee: \$25 per person.

Classes are limited to 25. Release forms must be signed. Enter the building through side door, right side of building (near cafeteria).

### Civic Organization Gym & Swim:

The Junior High School gym and pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$45 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguards.

Session: October 1992 through May 1993.

Time: Fridays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

### Recreational Swim Schedule:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim on Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area.

A lifeguard will be on duty. The pool is open to both youths and adults. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Session: October 19th to December 21st, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School.

Registration: Not required (pay lifeguard on duty).

Pool Fee: \$2 per adult; \$1 per child (under 15).

All pool rules are in effect; no cut-offs are allowed in the pool.

### INSURANCE

The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs of anyone injured while participating in or watching any of the Parks and Recreation Department programs. Please note: You enter our programs at your own risk.

## Oxbow Water Skiing Labor Day Weekend

The Oxbow Water Ski Show Team of Northampton will be performing its final show of the season on Labor Day, September 7th, starting at 1:00 p.m., and the proceeds will benefit "Jerry's Kids" and the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

Bring the children to play games and win prizes. Full concessions will be available.

Parking is \$2 per car and show admission is by donation.

Directions - Take Route 91 to Exit 18 and take a right onto Route 5. Turn right onto East Street and follow the yellow arrows to the Oxbow Water Ski Club site.

For further information, please call Judy, in the evening, at 786-7715 or Debbie at 538-9568.

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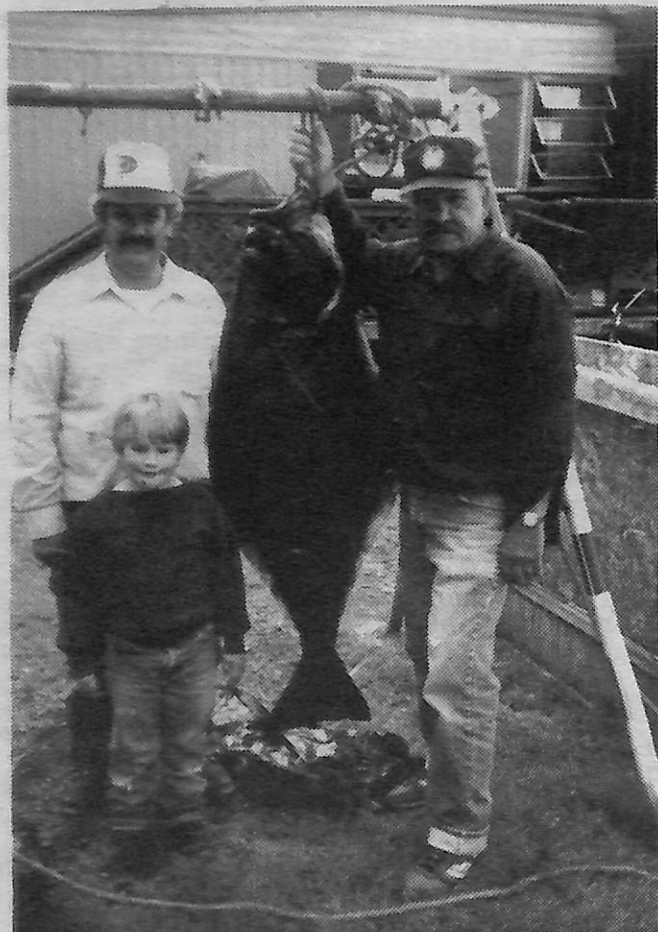
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## Bob Johnson On Sports...

## A Letter To The Yankees' Mel Hall

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

BOB, ROB, AND ADAM GEIGER with a 97-pound Halibut caught on August 6th in Alaska waters.

## Geigers Catch Big One When Fishin' In Alaska

Bob and Joyce Geiger of Feeding Hills recently returned from a trip to Sitka, Alaska, where they visited their son Rob, his wife Crystal, and their grandson Adam.

One of the highlights of the trip was when Bob caught a 97-pound halibut while out fishing with his son and grandson on their 26' cruiser. The fish was five feet long and 27 inches in girth.

They also caught many other fish, including Black Sea bass, pink salmon, chum salmon, and shark.

Golf Tip  
Of The Week...by Jim Modzelesky, PGA  
Oak Ridge Golf Club, F.H.

## Don't Throw Caution Or High Pitch Shots Into The Wind

On shots of about 50 yards or less into a wind, hit a low shot that runs to the hole. High shots almost always end up short.

Dear Mel,

You may find this letter a little strange, but it comes from a tried-and-true Red Sox fan. I wanted to let you know that I think you are having a terrific season.

I'm not an autograph hound or a groupie, I'm a sports writer in a small Western Massachusetts community who happens to have gotten involved in Fantasy Baseball this season.

I'm not a computer whiz nor do I check all the stats as religiously as many of my Fantasy compatriots check them, but I like to watch players play at their own individual pace and rhythm, and Mel, you have as much rhythm as any modern day ballplayer.

It was funny when I got my Fantasy League roster and I found out that you were among my outfield crew. I know that I smiled because I remember you from your early days in Cleveland.

One of the wiseguy Boston sports writers (could have been Pete Gammons or maybe Bob Ryan) wrote a column one morning in the Globe. Apparently, you had fallen down while fielding a routine flyball late in the ballgame and it cost the Tribe a win. The writer called you Mel "as in Fell" Hall and I cracked up. I thought his line was funny as hell for some reason and I started following your development simply because he had called attention to you.

I was glad when you got around to playing for the Yankees because I can watch you from time to time on WPIX. (By the way, tell the Scooter that I think he's terrific. I love that spirit in a man of his age).

Last year, I was on the radio up here in Springfield doing a sports talk thing with one of the biggest Yankee fans going. His name was Brian Stilwell. We were really getting the Yankees-Red Sox banter going full force every morning.

Then, you smashed that homer off Reardon on Memorial Day to win the ballgame for the Yankees. For a day or two, New Englanders and New Yorkers had real reason to believe that the hard-hitting Hatfields and McCoys (Sox and Yanks) would be at each other's throats all the way to a pennant race. That was a big hit, Mel, and I enjoyed it.

Brian couldn't wait for me to get to work the next morning so he could rustle up a little Yankee humor deep in the heart of New England. After our 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. show was over, he hustled me over to a local pub called the Elbow so THE GREATEST YANKEE FAN THERE EVER WAS, Ron Pedeo, could work me over some more.

Even old Navy buddy Timmy Brown parted with

a few of his hard earned nickels to call me from Vermont to ask if I happened to see Hall's blast! Ouch-and Mel, I was living again.

I got my lights punched out 12 years ago when a man's brother sucker punched me because he misread a rather heated Yankee-Red Sox debate between me and his brother. (I must have been getting the upperhand, eh, but it hurt like the devil). The guy has apologized to me 10 times since it happened, and it still cracks me up.

Mel, I know that the rivalry hasn't worked out the way either team would have liked. But, even if you are fighting for the basement, keep playing hard. I love to watch you swing that bat. You really give that baseball a charge when you connect.

I've followed you in fleeting at-bats and an every day check of the boxscore this year and you have been so consistent. I know that you have had a couple of very hot streaks, but your lows haven't been very low either. I can only remember one prolonged dry spell.

Plus, I've taken renewed interest in your fielding, too. I saw you look bad on a couple of balls that were hit over your head early in the season, but lately I've seen you show very nice bursts of speed to cut balls off in the gap and down the line. I just saw you dig one out of the right field corner tonight against Milwaukee. Nice play, excellent range.

I haven't got a lot of sports pictures any more, but I want one of yours for my wall downstairs. You'll hang in good company. I only hang pictures on the wall of guys that give everything they have on the field and manage to have a good time while doing it.

Incidentally, I have Ron Pedeo, Tim Brown, and Brian Stilwell's addresses enclosed and I'd appreciate it if you could drop them an autographed picture, too. I can assure you than none of them would sell it and they would all be thrilled to get it.

Thanks, Mel. I'm anxious to hear from you.

Sincerely,  
Bob Johnson  
Sports Editor

Agawam Advertiser News

(P.S. Mel, if you can do me one more small favor ... ask Mattingly to give you one of his autographed pictures and send it to Brian down in Florida. He doesn't get PIX down there and it drives him crazy. He thinks Mattingly is as Yankee as they come and to Brian-being Yankee is being the best).

I've enclosed self-addressed envelopes (with stamps) for your responses.

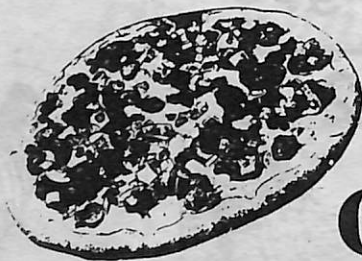
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## Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



### Hunting In New 'Hamp

New Hampshire has announced the 1992 hunting seasons before Labor Day. Wildlife biologists say prospects look good; New Hampshire's deer herd is at its highest level in years, the bear population in the northern counties is up, and small game populations remain stable.

Black bear may be taken September 1st through October 31st, and November 16th through December 6th in Coos, Carroll, and Grafton Counties. The season limit is one bear.

Baiting is allowed September 1st through 13th, and dogs may be used September 14th through October 31st with proper permits. In Merrimack County, the towns of Andover, Boscawen, Dan-

bury, Franklin, Hill, New London, Salisbury, Sutton, Wilmot, and part of Warner are open to bear hunting the month of September.

The archery season runs September 12th through December 13th. An archery license is required to enjoy this three-month-long season. The special muzzleloader deer season is October 31st through November 10th. Archers and muzzleloader users may take deer of either sex in all wildlife management units.

The firearms season for deer is November 11th through December 6th. The sex of deer which may be legally taken varies by wildlife management unit.

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Dick Gore was fishing the Connecticut River recently in back of O'Connor's airplane base, with two poles in the water. Suddenly, he noticed his farthestmost pole sliding in the river.

Before he could reach it, the pole went under, but the blue fishing line stayed up on the surface for a while before the fish pulled it under. Dick figured the equipment was a loss.

However, several days later, he decided to try and grabble for the equipment. After a couple of hours he gave up and started fishing. The lost pole was on his mind so he decided to try again, hoping to snare the pole and reel.

To his surprise, he brought up the pole, but the fish was not on the other end of the line. He did not know what the species of fish was that dragg-

ed the pole in but felt very lucky getting back his fishing rod intact. \*\*\*\*\*

Captain Glas of the HEL-CAT II (a 114-foot, all-steel party boat out of Groton, CT) writes: "Dear Bill—Wow! What a week. The monsters are back."

"Fishing was on the upswing all week, and by the end of the week, it was 'Bail City' day and night on the big blues. This is a slightly different body of fish, as they are longer and leaner than the ones we had been working on."

"These fish have just come off the spawn and are the guys that start breaking the 20-pound barrier as the fall approaches."

"The earlier run was finished with their monkey business early and were already fattened up—which accounts for that 19½-pound leader. From now until the end of October, this new batch of monsters should provide pretty much non-stop action."

"While there were some impressive bluefish weighed in this past week, the 'Fish of the Week' award went to Victor Retana of Springfield, MA, who fought a 30-pound bluefin tuna to gaff on bluefish tackle. This is not the first time we've caught tuna on these jigs; in past years, we've had quite a few all the way up to 90 pounds."

The HEL-CAT dock is at 181 Thames Street, Groton, CT, 06340 (telephone 203-535-3200).

## Team New England Welcomes Kids To Hockey Try-Outs

Team New England will conduct open try-outs for the 1992-93 hockey season at the Williston Rink in Easthampton on Saturday, September 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tryouts are open to players 20 years old and under.

Candidates are required to pay a nonrefundable registration try-out fee of \$50, and are asked to arrive at the rink 90 minutes before tryouts for registration. Registration will start two hours prior to ice time.

Interested hockey players are asked to call 413-789-4566 for additional information or advanced registration.

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Team New England is a sanctioned member of the USA Hockey and will compete this year against the SPRINGFIELD PICS in October and

January.

The 60-game schedule also includes Yale, Fairfield University, Canton College, St. Lawrence JV, Brown JV, Northfield MT. Hermon School, Avon Old Farms, Kingswood Oxford, The Guntery, Vermont Academy, the NHL Junior affiliate teams, the Miller Lights, the Labatt Blues, and a minimum of two tournaments.

Two scheduled tournaments are the Kent County Invitational in Rhode Island in early October which has many professional and college scouts.

Competition includes Team Olympia Yugoslavia, Little Ceasars, Niagara Jr. Scenics, and others.

The Clarkson JV tournament is scheduled for November 6th-8th and includes Northwood Prep, The Junior Bruins, Dawson Prep (Montreal), The Wexford Raiders (Toronto), and Clarkson JV.

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The team will be coached by Alan and Richard Cohen, who have coached Baystate Games to a silver medal and a junior team to both a bronze and a silver medal in two consecutive junior national tournaments between 1988 and 1992.

Returning as associate coach is local hockey standout Dave Champigny. Joining the coaching staff this year is five year New York Islander veteran and past Springfield Indian, Vern Smith.

Please follow the local media as Team New England will soon showcase their new logo, uniforms, and colors for the upcoming season. This will only enhance the team's purpose of opening doors of opportunity for those individuals with talent, desire, and commitment for tough competition.

Many players from last year's team have been invited to NHL tryout camps, and to both the East Coast and Southern Hockey Leagues. Others will be playing at various colleges and prep schools.

## Greater Spfld. Tennis Tourney To Be Held In Spfld.'s Forest Park

The annual Robert Freeman Memorial Greater Springfield Tennis Tournament is set for September 16th through 20th at the Forest Park clay courts on Sumner Avenue in Springfield.

The tournament, which has been won by former pro tour players Tim and Chris Mayotte and current New England No. 1 Val Wilder, features a record-high 18 divisions this year.

The divisions are: men's A singles and doubles; men's B singles and doubles; men's C singles; men's 35 singles and doubles; men's 45 singles and doubles; men's 55 singles; women's singles; women's 35 singles; women's A and B doubles; mixed A and B doubles; boys' 14 singles; and girls' 14 singles.

The entry fee is \$15 for each singles event and \$25 per team for each doubles event. For boys' and girls' singles events, the fee is \$5. Players are allowed to enter a maximum of one singles event and two total events.

The entry deadline is Tuesday, September 15th, at 7:00 p.m. for singles events, and Friday, September 18th, at 7:00 p.m. for doubles events.

Entry forms can be obtained at the Forest Park clay courts or by phoning Rudy Altobelli at 786-0400, ext. 220 (work), or 786-1577 (home).

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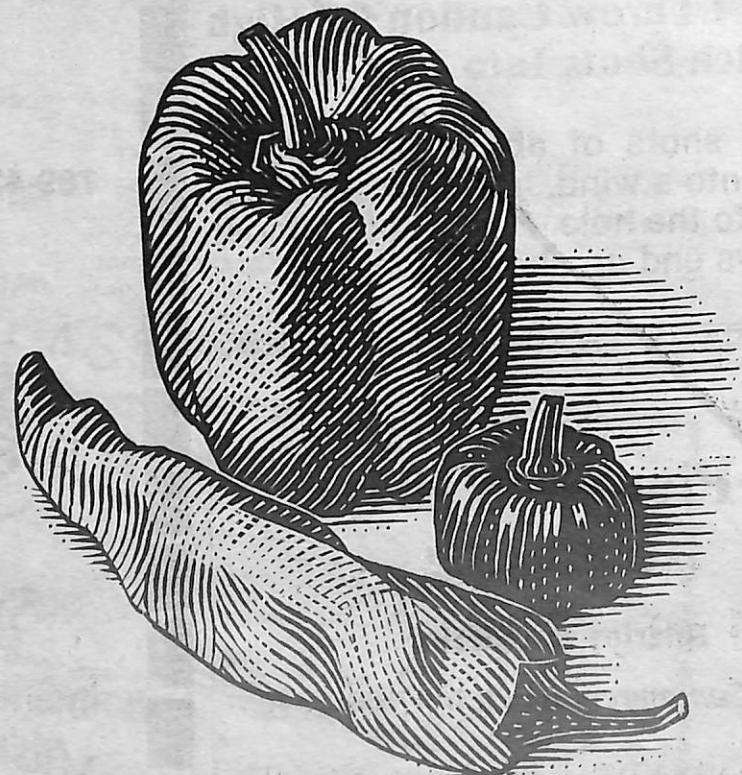
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*Racing At Riverside...***Bob Gada Winner  
Of Busch Race At  
Riverside Speedway**

Bob Gada won his first BUSCH Grand National event, leading the A.C. Delco-Auto Palace 100 from green to checker before a crowd of 9,164 NASCAR Winston race fans at Riverside Park Speedway on Saturday, August 29th.

Modified tour type driver Bobby Gee finished second behind Rick Fuller in the final leg of the August Series to win \$10,000. Others that shared victory lane in the \$100,000-plus night were Tom Carey, Todd Anderson, and Roger Fujimoto.

Curtis Markham set fast time with 13:903 in the Busch time trials, as Ed Kennedy set fast time in the Modifieds with 12:515. There were four cautions in the BUSCH event, mostly for minor spins.

Mike McLaughlin was among the most aggressive in the event and applied heavy pressure early on ... until a lap car ended his hopes of success. Then it was Joe Bessey to challenge right to the wire, as Curtis Markham finished third.

Fourth was Dick McCabe and fifth was Dale Shaw. Sixth through 10th were Bob Dragon, Kelly Moore, Mike McLaughlin, Mike Rowe, and Joey Kourafas.

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In the Modified feature, it was Rick Fuller in the Polar Beverage/Diet Rite Soda Pontiac Modified. Still, this event was loaded with mystery and suspense.

In the \$10,000 shootout, Jerry Marquis and Bobby Gee were tied going in. Marquis broke an axle that jammed in the rear and had to borrow Rick Summers' Hosmer 28. Because of the driver change, he was forced to start from scratch.

By lap number 30, Marquis was up to third and pressured Bobby Gee for ten-thousand. Then he had something break in turn number three. This forced him to pit, and he almost didn't make it back with a caution coming out just before the restart. Still, time just ran out for Marquis; meanwhile, the other surprise in the event was Ed Kennedy, who also came from the back.

It was an impressive victory for Rick Fuller (Polar Beverage). Second went to Bobby Gee (the \$10,000 winner), and Ed Kennedy was third, Mike Stefanik placed fourth, and John Zavisa finished in fifth.

Sixth through 10th went to Chris Kopec, Jerry Marquis, Brian Scofield, Dave Gallo, and J.A. Houghton.

Tom Carey Jr. won the 30-lap Pro Stock feature as Dave Carusso tried but failed, holding off Mike Duquette, Scott Bouley, and Tony Papale. Sixth through 10th were Kevin Czarnecki, John Lobo, Fran Forino, Ed Carroll, and Jerry Marquis.

Todd Anderson won his third victory in the Late Models over Jay Stuart, Rocky Mazzioto, Larry Pincince, Doug D'alessandro, Sumner Chapman, Gary Pelletier, John Johnson, and Gary Fioronti. And, in the Strictly Stocks, Roger Fujimoto won his third event over Sal Calvo, Joe Czarnecki, and Ed Haluch.

This Saturday, September 5th, it's the final double point show of the 1992 season at Riverside Park Speedway.

**Tri-Parish Bowlers  
Seek New Members**

Plans for the 1992-93 season are now underway by the Tri-Parish Bowling League. Presently, there is a 10-team league and the league is hoping to expand to 12 teams.

Openings are now available for bowlers of any skill level as this is a handicap league.

For more information, call Oily Muldrew at 786-0075 or Jo Lango at 786-6475.

**Bay West Hockey  
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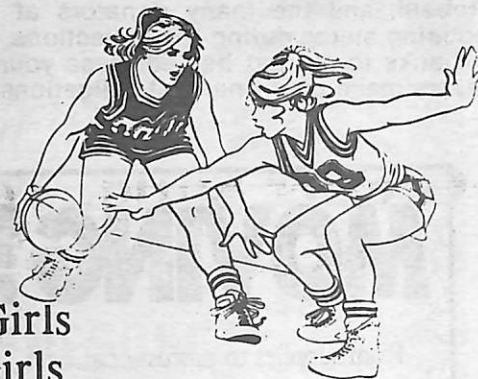
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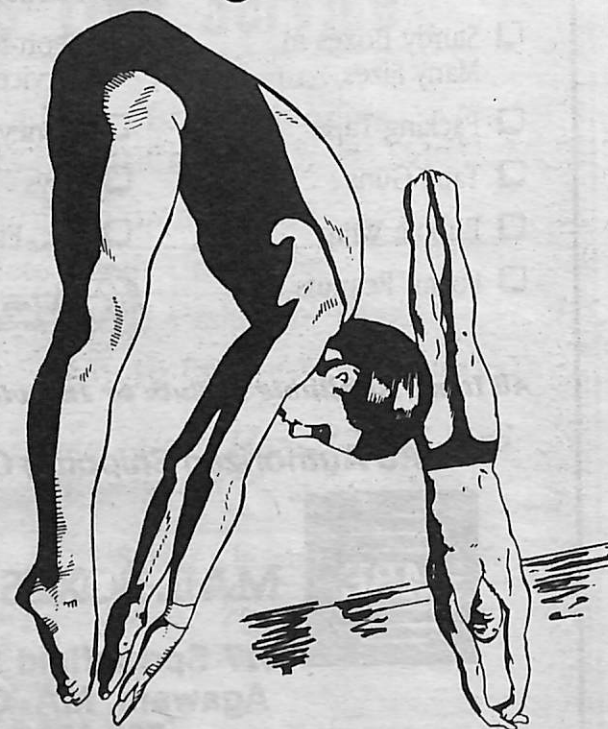
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## Local Soccer Players Return From 2-Week Tour In Belgium

The touring entourage of soccer players comprising "Soccer Tour 92" returned to Western Massachusetts on Monday, August 17th, after an extensive two-week soccer tour of Belgium and Holland.

Six Agawam players and two local coaches were part of the 15-member group that departed from J.F.K. Airport on Monday, August 3rd.

The six premiere players representing Agawam High School were Matt Bryant, Bob Burke, Keith Daubmann, Frank Fila, Jamy Pliska, and Adam Tebaldi.

The coaching of these youths was done by former professional player Mark Verelst. Assistant coach Brian Boutwell, also from Agawam, helped out coach Verelst.

Youths had tryouts for this team in late October of 1991 and held many fundraiser functions such as car washes and dances. Area businesses also chipped in to help defray costs.

All players, coaches, and parents wish to thank the following businesses for their support:

Gary Suffriti and Feeding Hills Public Market, Polish Club, Big Y Agawam, Food Mart of Agawam, Super Stop & Shop (West Springfield), Frank Sousa & Sportsmen's Show, Amanda's Restaurant, Fran's Restaurant, Village Lounge, Gino's Package, Movie Mart, Video & More, Partner's Restaurant, Auto Craft, Unique Storage Systems, Bank of Western Mass., Agawam Fire Assoc., Parrotta's Auto Service, S.I.S. Bank, Commercial Scale, Sarat Ford, Baybank Valley, Glasrock Home Health Care, Canary Insurance, Park West Bank, Riverside Park, A.C. Motors, Borden Packaging, Baystate Woodworking, Stone Container Corp., McCarthy Tile, Union Camp., Mr. Shower Door.

Also, the following individuals donated to the cause: Pauline Nekitopoulos, Richard Snyder, Jim Zerra, Greg Sommers, Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Altobelli, and the many donors at the local shopping stores during the collections.

Thanks to all that helped these young soccer players make their financial obligations.



MEMBERS OF A GROUP OF Western Mass. soccer players who recently returned from a two-week tour of Belgium and Holland to compete against teams from those countries.

## Agawam Soccer Association Seeking Help During Labor Day Weekend Tournament

The Agawam Soccer Association is looking for people to help work the concession stand during the Riverside Classic Soccer Tournament, which is to be held on Labor Day weekend.

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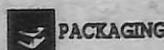
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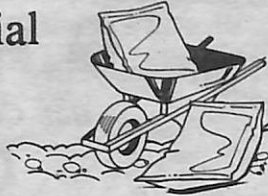
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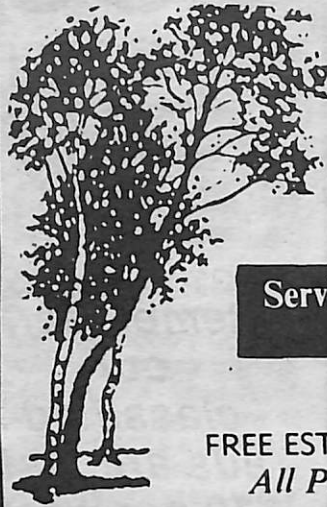
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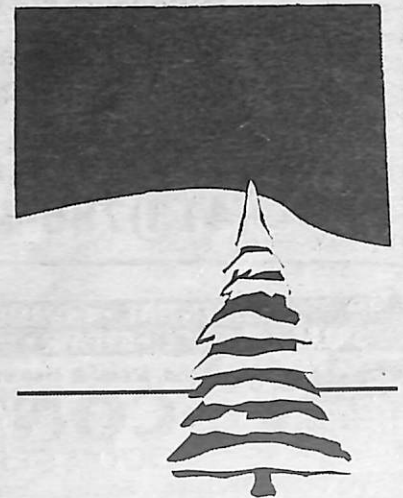
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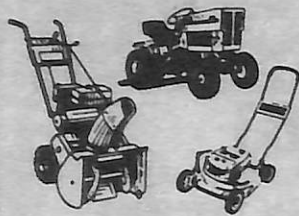




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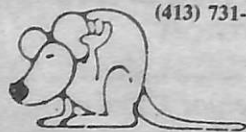
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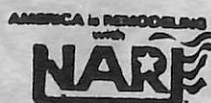
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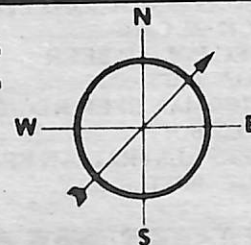
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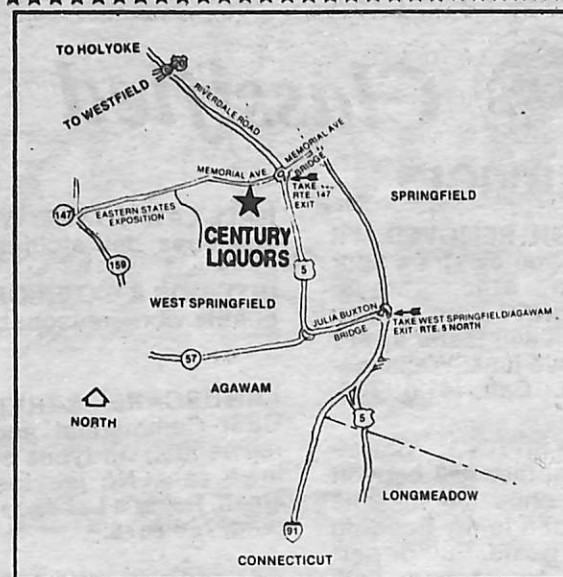
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750 ML.....	
RIUNITE WINES	9.99
3 LTR.....	
LOUIS LATOUR CHASSAGNE	
MONTRACHET 1989 - 750 ML.....	21.99
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750 ML *RATED ONE OF THE BEST 200	
WINES IN THE WORLD UNDER 10.00	
(WINE SPECTATOR).....	8.49
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DANIEL RION VOSNE ROMANEE 1986	17.99
750 ML.....	
GUIGAL COTE DE RHONE 1988	6.99
750 ML.....	
WIDMER LAKE NIAGARA	8.99
3 LTR.....	
WIDMER CREAM SHERRY	4.99
1.5 LTR.....	
ACHAIA CLAUSSE RETSINA 750 ML.....	3.99
ACHAIA CLAUSSE DEMESTICA RED	
& WHITE 750 ML.....	3.99
ACHAIA CLAUSSE MAVRODAPHNE	3.99
750 ML.....	
COOKS CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY, MERLOT	
AND CABERNET SAUVIGNON 750 ML - 3.49 ... BUY 2	
BOTT. GET A 3.00 MAIL-IN REBATE. FINAL COST 1.99 BOTT.	

### SPARKLING WINES

MARQUES DE MONISTROL SPANISH	4.99
CHAMPAGNE 750 ML.....	
SEGURA VIUDAS BRUT SPANISH	5.99
CHAMPAGNE 750 ML.....	
KORBEL BRUT AND EXTRA DRY	15.99
1.5 LTR.....	
FREIXENET CORDON NEGRO BRUT	4.99
750 ML 5.99 LESS 1.00 MAIL-IN-REBATE	
FINAL COST.....	4.99
COOKS CHAMPAGNE	2.99
750 ML.....	
J. ROGET NEW YORK STATE	2.49
CHAMPAGNES 750 ML.....	

### JOHNNIE WALKER RED

1.75 LTR

**23.99**

### VODKA, GIN AND RUM

LUKSOSOWA POLISH POTATO	
VODKA 750 ML 9.99 LESS 2.00 MAIL-IN-REBATE	
FINAL COST.....	7.99
CENTURY VODKA	
1.75 LTR.....	8.49
SEAGRAMS GIN	12.99
1.75 LTR.....	
BEEFEATER GIN	19.99
1.75 LTR.....	
ENGLISH MARKET GIN	11.99
1.75 LTR.....	
GILBEY'S GIN 1.75 LTR.....	11.99
BACARDI SILVER & AMBER RUM	14.99
1.75 LTR.....	
CAPT. MORGAN COCONUT RUM	16.99
1.75 LTR.....	
RUM TREE (RUM COCKTAIL)	7.99
750 ML.....	

### SCOTCH & BOURBON

BALLANTINE SCOTCH 1.75 LTR.....	20.99
VAT 69 GOLD SCOTCH 1.75 LTR.....	14.99
TEACHERS SCOTCH 1.75 LTR.....	20.99
CLUNY SCOTCH 1.75 LTR.....	13.99
INVER HOUSE SCOTCH 1.75 LTR.....	14.99
MCGREGORS PERFECTION SCOTCH	
1.75 LTR.....	16.99
OLD CROW BOURBON 1.75 LTR.....	11.99
OLD FORESTER BOURBON	16.99
86 PROOF 1.75 LTR.....	
EARLY TIMES BOURBON 1.75 LTR.....	12.99

### CANADIAN, BLENDS & BRANDY

CANADIAN MIST 1.75 LTR.....	12.99
BLACK VELVET	13.99
1.75 LTR.....	
LORD CALVERT CANADIAN 1.75 LTR.....	11.99
SEAGRAMS V.O.	15.99
1.75 LTR.....	
IMPERIAL BLEND 1.75 LTR.....	12.49
SEAGRAMS 7 CROWN 1.75 LTR - 12.49	
LESS 5.00 MAIL-IN REBATE.....	FINAL COST 7.49
SCHENLEY RESERVE 1.75 LTR.....	11.99
ROTHCHILD BRANDY 1.75 LTR.....	15.99
MARTEL COGANC 750 ML.....	15.99
RAYNAL BRANDY 750 ML.....	8.99

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CONTAINS 1 BOTT. CUERVO GOLD	
750 ML & 1 BOTT. MARG. MIX LTR ONLY.....	10.49
IRISH MIST 750 ML.....	14.99
ALIZE FRENCH LIQUER	10.99
750 ML.....	
TSOTRAS OUZO	7.99
750 ML.....	
CRISTAL AQUARDENTE	9.99
750 ML.....	
KAHLUA COFFEE LIQUER 750 ML.....	11.99
DELLA NOTTE BLACK	14.99
SAMBUCCA 750 ML.....	